

THIS WEEK – July 11, 2010

Sunday:	10:45 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship. Library Open.
Tuesday:	6:30 p.m.	Ladies' Night Out at the White Rhino.

The following are two updates on Sarah's mission trip to Hong Kong:

Hey friends, family & supporters! (dated Friday, July 2)

It's day 10 today and so far we have played 31 concerts, mostly in schools, the Dragon Center and other YFC functions. The YFC staff has been such a blessing-we are always well fed and taken care of. They work many more hours than we do and make sure everything runs smoothly for us. They are a great picture of what servanthood looks like.

One of our favorite moments of tour so far happened the other day at Tsang Tsin school when about 800 students sang Oi Se Bat Bowl Lau with Sarah. It was really cool to hear a chorus of kids singing and praising our Lord. Those are the kind of moments that remind us of why we are here, because sometimes in the middle of all the concerts and craziness, it is easy to lose our focus. -Rachelle Popema (team leader)

A Shout Out from Hong Kong (dated Tuesday, July 6):

Hong Kong is amazing. I already have so many stories! I know that the Lord is working through this team for his mighty plan. The team I am in is great and we are like family already. The food here is great! Plus, they spoil us with chocolate almonds and trail mix. We've already had over 30 concerts. I especially like the little kids because they really get into the music...Thanks to everyone for your love, prayers and support. God is really putting your efforts to good use. God bless! -Sarah Zylstra

Prayer requests: Daily energy and rest, servant hearts that choose to follow the Lord's leading as we continue to minister to the people of Hong Kong, open hearts to hear the message and receive God's love. To finish strong (as we return home this week).

Doug and I leave Thursday to get Sarah from Willmar, MN. We are very excited to be reunited and hear all about what the Lord has done in Sarah's life and in Hong Kong for his sake. We are grateful to the Oak Glen family who stood along side us as the body of Christ. Your prayers and financial support have been a blessing. We are also thankful for a supportive church council who encouraged us in this ministry effort and requested we share these updates with you. In Christ alone, The Zylstras

LADIES' NIGHT OUT will meet for dinner and fellowship on Tuesday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the WHITE RHINO which is located on Route 30 in Dyer (just across from Our Lady of Mercy Hospital). To reserve a seat, please contact Mary Bush no later than Sunday evening, July 11. Love to have YOU join us!

Burger Bash and Antique Car Show: Don't forget the Young People's fund raiser on Friday, July 23, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors!

The **church picnic** is less than a month away! We hope your calendars have been marked and you are looking forward to this annual event as much as we are! There is a sign-up sheet in your church mailboxes regarding the **BIG DAY** which includes all the necessary details. Please take the time to read the form, fill it out, and return it to Penny Smit's mailbox by Sunday, July 25. We would sincerely appreciate you turning in your form even if you are unable to attend. This saves us many phone calls and time. Hope to see you all there!

Join us for the **1st URC Picnic**, August 14, at Redar Park in Schererville. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 per adult with children free. We will need about one dessert for every 10 adults who come. Please bring your own drinks. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer along with a box for your payment. If you have any questions please see Mike Yonkman.

Fundraiser for Word & Deed: Saturday, September 11, will be date for the inaugural softball tournament fundraiser for Word & Deed. Both Men's and CoEd teams are forming. Get your team together now for a time of sport, fellowship and financial support for Word & Deed. Please contact Dan (danbruinsma76@gmail.com) or Laura (lzandstra@hotmail.com) to reserve your team's spot or for any questions you may have.

Did you know you can personally make an eternal difference in the life of someone in India? You'll have an opportunity to do this at one of our retreats sponsored by Bible League International Volunteers. Choose a one-day retreat at Cedar Lake Conference Grounds on September 23, or a two-day retreat at Indian Lake Resort in Bloomingdale, Illinois, on October 5 and 6. See a brochure or talk to Jan Brink (708-474-2170) for speaker and concert information.