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Christmas in Asia

In many Asian countries, people are very curious to learn more about Christmas, the foreigners' big holiday. This opens the door for lots of creative evangelistic outreaches, such as OMFers in Taiwan have used:

"Surrounded by a morning and afternoon market, the park is always a busy place. On one side, men chewing betel nut sit all day long and play chess or gamble. On the other side, a playground attracts kids after school and on weekends. People come to exercise or get together just to chat. Because we want to be part of the community, we often spend time in the park too. It's a great place to meet people and get involved in the community.

At Christmas we held a carnival. With the help of a short-term team, we prepared various activities for children and adults. The children loved face painting, balloon animals and games. Many people were attracted by the "photo shooting" activity. A person could have his picture taken, then get it printed out and laminated right away. We also offered blood pressure testing, bicycle decoration and drinks. Of course, everything was free. When the team performed the biblical "creation and fall" story as a drama, it was received very well. Altogether around eighty people came. It was a very happy and "hot and noisy" atmosphere, which the Chinese like. One father with three daughters said,

"I've been living here for twenty years, but nobody ever had an activity like this for us!" When we met him again a few days later, he said, "I cannot become a Christian, since I've been in our traditional religion too long, but my three daughters can believe in Jesus if they want!"

When out walking in the area now, we get many friendly greetings and people ask when we will hold the carnival again. Since the carnival we have been doing a kids' activity every second Saturday with games, a story and crafts. Slowly we are getting to know the parents of the kids. We pray that the gospel will find a place to grow in these families' hearts!"

- from www.omf.org

Praise for new workers

Thank you for praying for our Candidate Course in November. We are very grateful for the four new workers we accepted for long-term service in two Creative Access Nations. We now have 13 Appointees. Pray for the Lord's provision for each one to be able to move forward



in obedience to His call on their lives. And please keep praying for more!

Thank you for your faithful prayer and/or financial support this past year.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones this Christmas & throughout the New Year!

Merry Christmas,

Nancy

For unto us a child is born...

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.."
- Isaiah 9:2

Praise & Prayer Items

- Praise for God's many blessings this past year: good health, safe travels, provision of needs, etc.
- Praise for 14 new workers accepted in 2009.
- Pray for four appointees needing more support to start service in early 2010.
- Pray for the right person to serve as the Director of Administration and Finance for OMF Canada.
- Pray for God to draw many more people to Himself as OMFers share the Gospel throughout Asia this Christmas.

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