

Reaching Macau!

Many years ago Macau was given the title; “Macau, city of God, there is none more loyal!” Today, Macau’s loyalty is to false gods and the immoral things of man. Gambling is the major industry of the city. Organized crime, corruption, prostitution and drugs are commonplace. The city seems to have been sealed up by the evil one. But we must not give up hope. Hope for change, hope for a new day, hope for Macau’s people to be truly loyal to God.

For over 190 years, the gospel message has been proclaimed in Macau. Until now the fruit of faithful men and women can be measured too easily. About 3,000 people claim Christ as Lord (<1% of the population). It is our hope that the gospel message is gaining momentum and will soon be multiplying throughout the population resulting in a multitude of new churches and a vast harvest of people for the Kingdom.

But there are stones blocking people’s escape from the evil one. (Daniel 6:17) It is for this reason that we ask you to pray! Pray that these stones will be rolled away for the glory of God and the salvation of many! (Matthew 28:2-4) Pray believing that if something is contrary to God’s will, He wants to see it changed. As you pray, seek the Lord’s wisdom and don’t give up.

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**Building
God’s
Kingdom!**

A STONE UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Description

In Macau there is a spirit of envy, arrogance, selfish ambition, greed and competitiveness which leads to unhealthy relationships between non-believers and Christians alike, God wants to bring healing and wholeness.

GOD’S SOLUTION HUMBLE SUBMISSION

Philippians 2:2-4 Live in harmony by showing love for each other. Be united in what you think, as if you were only one person. Don’t be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves. Care about them as much as you care about yourselves and think the same way that Christ Jesus thought:

2 Chronicles 7:14 If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

A STONE STRIFE & PERSECUTION WITHIN FAMILIES.

Description

Those who choose to follow Jesus are pressured and even persecuted by unbelieving family members. This is often associated with traditional ancestor worship. God wants this to change.

GOD’S SOLUTION THE SALVATION OF WHOLE FAMILIES.

Acts 16:31-34 Have faith in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved! This is also true for everyone who lives in your home. Then Paul and Silas told him and everyone else in his house about the Lord....Then he and everyone in his home were baptized.

Acts 18:8 Crispus, the synagogue ruler, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized.

A STONE

LACK OF HOME GROWN LEADERS

Description

Macau has suffered a “brain-drain” as the best and brightest Christians have moved away. There are only a few local leaders in the churches.

GOD’S SOLUTION

A RETURN OF THE EXILES,
FAITHFUL DISCIPLES

Nehemiah 1:8-9 Remember the instruction You gave Your servant Moses, saying, “If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations. But if you return to Me and obey My commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for My Name.

2 Timothy 2:2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

A STONE

IDOLATRY

Description

Macau is full of Buddhist & animist idols. Temples large & small dot the city streets demanding allegiance, enslaving those who worship these false gods. People also gamble their lives away in worship of money at the numerous local casinos.

GOD’S SOLUTION

WORSHIP OF THE TRUE & LIVING GOD,
JESUS CHRIST!

Isaiah 42: 5, 8; 44:9 Thus says God the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and its offspring, who gives breath to the people on it, I am the Lord, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to idols. Those who fashion an idol are all of them futile, and their precious things are of no profit; even their own witnesses fail to see or know, so that they will be put to shame.

A STONE

FEAR

Description

The people of Macau are filled with fear. Fear of change, poverty, danger, crime, violence, their idols, fear of death.

GOD’S SOLUTION

TRUST IN GOD

John 16:33 I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

1 John 4:16-18 And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgement; because as He is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

A STONE

THE TRADITIONS OF MAN

Description

Too many people in Macau are more concerned with their traditions than they are with following the way of God.

GOD’S SOLUTION

WALKING THE NARROW ROAD

Matthew 7:13-14 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Luke 9:23-25 Then He said to them all, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?”

John 14:6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”