

We said goodbye to Indonesia and flew via Kuala Lumpur to Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is one of the most incredible cities in the world. Hong Kong has more Billionaires, more Rolls Royces than any other city. It is amazing to think that it was a refugee colony barely 50 years ago. The airport is worth visiting just to see one of the engineering marvels of the world. Departure lounges and baggage claim area



are so large, I am sure you can see the curvature of the earth gazing across the carousels. High speed electric trains and subway systems were built along with the airport to facilitate millions of people traveling through the facility. Hong Kong spent \$35 Billion for this gem. Asia is now far, far ahead of North America in transportation systems.

Kunming in Yunnan Province, China, is another story. This is considered a 'backward' province and Kunming a small city. 5 million people, a small city! It would be the largest city in Canada. We were met

by Ruth (Chang) Lam, Dr. Paul Chang's daughter. Paul was one of PI first leaders in Hong Kong and Singapore. She and her husband minister in several of the thousands of small group meetings across the city. There are only three 'official' churches but others are growing exponentially.

Sunday afternoon took 1 hour plus to reach the hotel from the airport. This city is total gridlock. Travel by bicycle is literally faster than travel by car. Apparently everyone uses their wheels on the weekend. Pedestrians beware. Yunnan has some 25 officially recognized ethnic groups. There are dozens more than that in reality. They all speak completely different dialects and have different customs. Yunnan is

also earthquake country. It is right next door to the province devastated last year by a massive quake that wiped a few towns off the globe.

Sunday afternoon was our walk-in-the-park in Kunming. A bunch of little Hannahs (my niece who came from Yunnan) running around here. Dozens of musicians filled every corner of the park from many different ethnic groups. It was perfect timing to see so much in one place. Kunming is not a cosmopolitan city. Strolling through the park was like a freak show, and we were the freaks! There are very few non-Chinese in the city.



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