

# heart change straight talk ministries

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## life change



Oct 30/08

Dear Prayer Team:

There are certain events and experiences in our lives as Christians which challenge us to live more fully for God's smile. I'm pretty sure Randy and I are about to have one of those experiences. At the invitation of World Serve Ministries, we will be flying to China on November 13<sup>th</sup>. While travelling around China for the next two weeks we will be meeting with leaders and pastors of the underground church movement. We will descend into the caves where young people are trained in an underground seminary. We will meet with men and women who have been tortured and imprisoned for their faith. We will see how the persecuted body of Christ has quietly met desperate need in the wake of the recent Earthquakes. And we will learn how World Serve funds, equips and assists these passionate Christian leaders. We can't wait. We know it will be hard to get our North American heads and hearts around the courage and commitment of the Chinese Christians. We know it will be hard to take what we've learned and translate it into Canadian culture. But we are committed to share what we learn with the people we speak to thus sharing the challenge we ourselves have experienced.

Please pray for us. Pray that the lessons God wants to teach us will find a receptive place in our hearts. Pray that we would somehow be able to encourage our Chinese brother and sisters. Pray for our safety. Pray for our girls as they take care of each other. But most of all pray for the safety of the leaders with whom we meet. It would be terrible to be responsible for the imprisonment and torture of these brave Christians because of our association with them.

Another event that has served to bring challenge to our hearts is the passing of our beloved Prayerboy. Ken went to be with Jesus peacefully, early Wednesday morning. As we have grieved and remembered with his wife Corinna, his girls Katrina and Sabrina, his close friends and the Straight Talk board, we have been reminded of and inspired by his faithfulness. Ken was a man who never quite recovered from the wonder of his salvation and the gift of his family's love. His faith, tender heartedness and quirky sense of humour will be missed by many connected with this ministry. Ken spurred us on to pray. What a wonderful legacy to leave us. I can't help but envision Ken's arrival in heaven. What better nickname to take with you to heaven than "Prayerboy"?

As you continue to pray for Straight Talk, please remember Corinna, Katrina and Sabrina. They are grieving well. But life without Ken is just beginning and they need us to hold them before the throne. I know you will. Thank you on their behalf and also on ours. We wouldn't dare do what we do without you.

In His Grip,

# Straight Talk Schedule

## November - December

**Praise God For...**

The opportunity to travel to China and be inspired and challenged by the commitment of believers there.

A very full and productive fall speaking season.

**Please Pray...**

That God would continue the work he has begun in the people we've spoken to this fall.

For strong year end giving. Tough economic times are especially hard on ministries. Pray that God will bring in the resources to fund the opportunities before us.

For safe and smooth travel to, from and within China.

God's protection over all the Carters and the people they meet while in China.

Daily grace for Ken's family as they learn to live without him.

### Randy's Schedule

Oct. 31-Nov. 2	Cranbrook Men's Retreat
Nov. 13-23	World Serve Trip to China
Nov. 28-30	Rockpointe Youth Retreat (AB)
Dec. 12-14	Sunwest Youth Leader's Retreat (AB)
Jan. 7-9	Mennonite Brethren Collegiate (MB)

### Donna's Schedule

Nov. 1	Millwoods Community (Edmonton) outreach
Nov. 13-23	World Serve China Trip
Nov. 28, 29	Southview Alliance outreach events
Dec. 5,6	Rosewood Park Alliance (outreach events)
Dec. 6,7	Rosewood Park (Regina) weekend services

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