

# Ray & Ginger Crocker

— Missionaries to Singapore —

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Rev. Ken Goodban  
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Dear Brother Goodban:

The entire seventh lunar month – which is August on our calendar – is the traditional “*hungry ghost month*” in Singapore. This is the time each year when Buddhist and Taoist believe that the gates of hell are opened, and the spirits of the dead are allowed to roam the earth in search of food and entertainment. To appease those spirits, so that no “*bad luck*” will come on them, people will put out offerings of fruit, bread and drink; plus, burn sticks of incense along with bundles of “*Bank of Hell*” notes.

I met one of our neighbors who was burning packets of those “*Bank of Hell*” notes. Even though I already knew the answer, I asked what he was doing to open a door for witnessing. He explained that he was sending those notes to hell so that his departed ancestors might find hell more enjoyable. When I asked if he really believed that to be true, he shook his head and said, “*No ... but I do it to keep peace in the family.*”

The fact is multitudes here are bound by those religious superstitions and family traditions that Satan is using to blind them to the truth of the Gospel. Please pray that God will open doors of opportunity for us, and give us the boldness and wisdom, to faithfully proclaim the message of God’s salvation to these people.

Certainly, Ginger and I want to thank you so much for your investment of prayers in our ministry during the months of June and July. We do not take it for granted and our sincere prayer is that your investment will result in spiritual fruit that will remain.

We shall remain ...

Yours for souls,

*Ray & Ginger*

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