



## LAMBETH CONFERENCE UPDATE #2



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### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Well I made it to Hong Kong! After a 3 hour delay at Auckland airport I departed New Zealand on AirNZ39. I slept most of the flight and arrived in Hong Kong at 11am. Flew thru customs then caught my airport transfer to my hotel. WOW! What a flash bus! Hong Kong is a very clean country in parts and a very *paru* in other places. The Motorway was very clean with flowers all along the lanes. But the streets in town are very *paru*. Nathan Road is the main road in Hong Kong and is just outside my Hotel window.



*Hotel Transfer Bus*



*Hong Kong Motorway – There's more cars in Auckland!*

I went for a quick walk once I got in and found a little piece of heaven!! Even here in Hong Kong they have McDonalds! So I caught up with the staff there and then went back to my hotel. The Big Macs here are not as good as New Zealand's.



*I think you know what that is!*



*Notice the different box?!*

Then I asked for directions to the centre of town and caught the subway down to the ocean end of Nathan Road. This is the MAIN CENTRE of Hong Kong. I got off the train and left the subway and instantly I was swamped by people offering to sell me “good watch, tailor made suit, hand bag.” And they just wouldn't go away!!

One of them followed me for a good 200-300 meters down the road just to try and get a sale. I quickly learnt to just put my head down and say no thank-you and keep walking. I walked down to the water front and looked across at all the skyscrapers! The ocean is *paru* as!! Rubbish floating in it! Would like any *kaimoana* from there! I then went to the Hong Kong Museum of Fine Art. Im not a very art type of a person as I don't find paintings that thrilling! And well this museum was the same – paintings, sculptors, pottery, etc. Not really my cuppa tea however I still had a good look around.



*Ocean Side view – you cant see it  
but the water is very dirty*



*Nathan Road – Main Street Hong Kong*

Then I caught the subway back to my motel where I am now writing to you all. On my way back through the subway I noticed a lady begging for money. She was down on her hands and knees with a piece of paper out in front of her. The people at my hotel told me not to give money to beggars – but I looked at this lady and thought of Jesus who ate with sinners and tax collectors. The lowest people in society at his time – I really felt sorry for this lady and although I don't have much money I took out a coin and placed it on the newspaper. But I also felt this lady needed more so I stood there for a second and said a short prayer to myself, praying for this lady that God would give her the strength to make it through the day. Made me realise just how lucky we are back home in Aotearoa – and it also made me think about our contribution to society. It doesn't have to be much but as Christians and followers of Christ we are called to help others. It may not be financially; however I'm sure there is something that we can all do to help society. And as I prepare for the Lambeth conference this is now on my mind. As all the Bishops of the Anglican Communion gather will they think about their contribution to society? Or just demand things because they wear a purple shirt. Jesus rode a donkey and was a simple man. Even I struggle with this at times.

So today I encourage you all to pray for those who will go with out food – who will wake up and have no breakfast. Let's pray that the Lord will take care of them and provide them with what they need!



*Waiting for the train*



*More buildings!*

*Nga Manaakitanga,*

*Ngira*

*Ngira Simmonds*

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