

Letters to the Editor

Dear Friends,

I'm sure it must be time for me to send the enclosed check for my subscription to *In God's Image*.

I read it each time with interest and with appreciation for the courage of my sisters in Asia. It is very heartening to know that we are everywhere, each of us doing what we can for one another. *Some day* women will become equal partners with men.

I live in a Christian retirement community. I share *In God's Image* with others here, and together we seek to provide a monthly program on social and personal issues from Women's Perspective.

Thank you for all you are doing.

Sincerely,

Barbara W. McCall, California, U.S.A.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for *In God's Image* which I receive regularly. I understand the problems you have been through and probably are still facing.

Nevertheless having experienced similar, but in a sense also different, hardships in a church organisation, I have been able to overcome. I am sure you are getting well through things with God's help.

Please keep on sending me *In God's Image*. It is of great help for me in my own struggle, in sharing with others, and in opening up new horizons - I wish I could meet you some time. God Bless you.

Charlotte Sahetape Erpet, Indonesia



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Editorial

An urge for a song
An urge for an expression

Suppressed dream
Breaking free

Giving birth
To a life

In the deep
Holy of holies
Power of the living

It is morning
Awaken from a deep night
Imersed into
A world of movement
Of bodies, minds and souls

Colourful mosaic
Diverse panorama
Unfolding
In all their clarity
In all their confusion

I am in them
They are in me
We are one
We are together

A moment of liberation
From alienation and oppression

And I go on
With life
With God's world

Asian women cry out their reality. It is a silent suffering that is voiced out in this issue of *In God's Image* as a challenge for all to make this reality visible.

Seldom do we hear about the violence against women, even though it is widespread and exists in most cultures and is part of the daily life of our global sisters. This does not make front page news and there are very few laws that protect women.

Women's Rights are also Human Rights!!!

The editorial staff of *In God's Image* are happy to have received moving articles from our Asian sisters to be shared with our readers. Articles and contributions include the following:

Jessie Tellis Nayak's article on "Institutionalised Violence Against Women" gives us an introduction and shows how women in different cultures throughout history have been violated.

The articles on "Dowry Deaths: A Burning Problem", edited by Sue Read, highlight crimes carried out by the structure/society/family where women are harassed and sacrificed.

Two articles are by Hong Kong women. One by Jane Chui on the future of Hong Kong after 1997 when China is taking over from the British; notice that the article was written in May. The other one is reflections on the June 4 Massacre in Beijing by Shum Yun Shan.

In her keynote speech during the YMCA Women's Meeting in Aruba 1988, Jurgette Honculada talks about the women's situation in a broader aspect and gives a wholistic perspective on feminism.

Our hopes and disappointments as women in Christian organisations and churches are presented by Prasanna K. Samuel during her speech at the Asian Church Leader's Conference in Singapore 1987.

In two poems by two Asian women, one shares the lives of migrant women workers by Achara Yuphlee from Thailand, presently working with the newly opened Asian Migrant Women's Centre in Hong Kong (see separate information about the Centre). The other poem is by Judith Siqueira from India.

To see and to share each other's pain and reality is the first step towards building sisterhood. Even if we cry together, it is not as a sign of resignation, but a sign of solidarity. With women awakening all over the world, there is hope for the future.

We appreciate receiving voluntary contributions of articles, prayers, poems and statements from women's conferences etc.. If they are not printed immediately due to the thematic editorial approach, please be patient.

Sun Ai Lee Park
Editor

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It is almost two years since we left Singapore for Hong Kong. We hope that there hasn't been too much problems in receiving the publication. As we continue our work we want to remind you about our new address:

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