



## Action Ministries International 2000 Sydney, Australia



*"Carrying the Word to the World"*

### Testimony

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The thrill of witnessing for Christ in Australia is an experience I will never forget. It was a spiritual journey for me. I had the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ with people of all ages from different cultures and different backgrounds. One of the experiences that touched me the most was meeting an older couple who were in attendance at the Olympic events. They were sitting on the steps by Darling Harbor eating fruit and chatting. I casually sat down by them and started talking. Though they had limited English I was able to communicate in "Southern English" in a way they could understand! I told them of my teaching experience in China in 1994 and how I loved my students there on the Hainan Island. I then showed them my Jesus Pin and asked them if they would like to hear the story behind the pin. They responded with enthusiasm. During my story they looked at each other and smiled and said "We new Christians but please tell us your story with the pin so we can share it with other people." They had just recently accepted Christ but didn't feel secure in sharing their Good News. Using the pin gave them a way to witness to others and share what God had done for them personally. I gave them extra pins and materials so they too could become "missionaries" by going and telling. As I walked away I looked back. There they were looking at the materials and reading their Bible. I am so grateful that God put us together on this specific day so we could be an encouragement to each other. The "Jesus Pin" story gave them a comfortable way to go back and share the gospel with their own people. Their courage and commitment reminded me of the importance of our mission. Only God knows the seeds that were sown and I am so grateful that I was privileged to be one of the sowers.

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