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OUTREACH TO ASIA NATIONALS

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TRAINING AND RESOURCING PERSECUTED ASIAN PASTORS
TO REACH THEIR PEOPLE



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NEWSLETTER ON SOCIAL
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**"I will praise the
name of God with
a song, and will
magnify him with
thanksgiving."
- Psalm 69:30**

Dear friends,

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee **great**
and **mighty** things, which thou knowest not." Jeremiah 33:3

We are living this reality right now. God has been pouring
into this ministry in ways we could never have foreseen. We
are rejoicing as we see what He can accomplish through the
body of Christ. Join us in the celebration as you read this
letter and see the abundant answers to prayer.

I also want to thank you for remembering me in prayer.
Several of you have said that you pray for my family and me
daily. I need wisdom and guidance as I make decisions
together with our team. Knowing that you are putting us
before the Lord on a regular basis is such an encouragement.
These are unusual times. These circumstances serve to remind
me that nothing done in my own strength will amount to
anything of eternal value. Only through God's guiding hand
will anything be accomplished for His Kingdom and glory.

More and more churches have been opening back up to a
similitude of their pre-COVID schedule, providing us with a
full booking in October, which is very exciting. We look
forward to seeing many of you along our way. We continue to
pray for the nations to open up for travel. But we're very
thankful for the continued growth of our ministries and
national pastors abroad. God is faithful and works in all
times.

We are praying for you and would love to hear more about
how you are doing through this time of waiting. Send us an
update through email, give us a call, or stop in for a visit. We
can share the blessings of God together.

Al Doomy,
Executive Director



NEPAL

The retaining wall has been built! Thank you so much for your generosity and prayers. This church is no longer in imminent danger of collapse during the mudslides that occur in Nepal's rainy season. It is exciting to see the body of Christ come together, across nations, to provide for a physical need like this. We are truly one family.

MYANMAR

Please continue to pray for Myanmar. There is still a great need. Four of the national pastors that OTAN supports are going into Buddhist territories as missionaries. Three more will be following in their footsteps very shortly.

For many years now Myanmar has enjoyed some freedom from persecution of Christians. Churches can own buildings, Bible colleges operate openly, and students can attend these colleges to become pastors without fear of being imprisoned for their faith. However, Myanmar's jungle Buddhist territories are a different story altogether. These areas are still very hostile to the gospel. These pastors are bravely taking the light into darkness. Please pray for their safety and wisdom, as they navigate how and when to share the gospel. God will need to open doors for them to share. Please pray that when he reveals an opportunity, that they will share Christ with boldness.



VIETNAM

We have seen a surge of revival in Vietnam this year. In spite of the COVID difficulties or, perhaps, because of them, God is working.

We are praising the Lord for 68 new churches that have been planted so far this year. Each of these churches has pastors who are new to the ministry. They are seeking guidance and training.

It is so wonderful to see how God set in place a means to help these new pastors even before we knew them. By putting the Underground Bible College in place, we will be able to reach many of these new pastors over the next several years.

The Underground Bible College was launched on September 14th. Thanks to zoom and other internet video programs, there will be several teachers participating in this new school year from the United States.

Please pray for the classes to go smoothly, and that they would be effective for the training of these pastors.



CHINA

The situation in China remains complicated for the team. Some of the China team are still here in the States, waiting for their chance to return. Please pray for them, as they seek for any opportunity to get back to China and the ministry there. The other team members who are in China have had to be very flexible, as the situation changes daily.

Some things have gotten easier for the in-country team, as they are not as closely monitored. But many of our China team members use English teaching as a means for a visa and have run into complications during this time. Because there are so many English teachers who are stuck outside of China right now, the demand on the few teachers who remain in China has raised significantly. Please pray for these team members as they balance these work responsibilities with their ministry schedules.

The Antioch students at the underground discipleship school are continuing to grow. Though this has been a less than conventional year, we are looking forward to seeing this excellent class graduate at the end of this year and return to their hometowns to pursue further ministry.

We are still evaluating how we need to change and adjust our ministry strategy in China. Please join us in praying for these decisions.

RUSSIA

This is a letter from one of our National Pastors in Russia taken from the personal update of the Russia Ministry Manager. The baptisms discussed in this letter were able to take place!

Peace to you, dear friends!

The last three months brought blessings – three more souls met the Lord Jesus and became the children of the great God. Among them, there is our son. On July 12, God willing, we are going to baptize them. On July 11, our church will celebrate its 27th birthday since the first baptism. We are going to celebrate it with the baptism of its new members. During the isolation period we did not go online, but continued doing regular services as usual. It let us unite around Christ even more. Of course during those three months tithing went down due to salary cuts and your gift is priceless to us, we thank you for it very much.



Please pray for a family retreat (camping) we are going to have this summer. We are going to speak and teach on how important it is to build the family relations on God's principles.

Please, pray for the families that are going to come that their hearts would be open for changes.

In addition, please support us in prayer for construction of our church building: all the project documentation is ready, but we lack necessary finances. We believe that God is the owner of all the finances, and He will give in His time the funds needed for construction.

We pray for you and your team, although we do not know many of you personally, we are one in God's big family.

*May God bless you,
Pastor R and family*

Please partner with us to support the work going on in Russia. We have seen God's provision mightily this year, but there are still many projects that require continued financial assistance. If you would like to donate to the building projects for Churches in Russia, please designate that on your gift either in the notes online, or in the memo portion of a check.

NEED IN NORTH KOREA

The Lord knows our needs, even before we do. He goes before us, and knows all we will encounter along our way. “Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.” Deuteronomy 1:33

We are reminded about this by how God reached out to North Korea before the height of the pandemic. OTAN has contacts (we must speak vaguely, as this is sensitive) who are able to get supplies into North Korea. These contacts were able to get rice into North Korea before lock-downs and strict enforcements were put in place.

God knew that things were about to become very difficult world-wide, especially for those in North Korea who are isolated from outside help. We see the physical need for food and basic necessities in all of the countries where we serve as a result of this pandemic. We believe that North Korea's need is greatest.

Our contacts are not yet able to do another run of supplies, but they would like to begin preparations. For now, they watch, and wait for an opportunity. If we provide the finances, they are willing to do the work, regardless of the risks.

Join us by donating to our North Korea fund. Add, "Need in North Korea" to the memo line in your donation.



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Pastor Worker Fund

Would you consider partnering with us to support national pastors? Currently we are raising support for **Pastor Taiga in Japan**, pastors in **China**, and in **Laos**. You can give to a specific Pastor Worker Fund at otan.org on the *Give* tab, or, you can send a check to OTAN indicating in the memo which country you would like to support along with the phrase, "pastor worker fund".

Thank you for your generous gifts for **Taiga**. We were able to send him a significant one-time gift. We would love to be able to support him on a more regular basis. Taiga is working with our Ministry Manager in Japan, and is being mentored to take on a leadership role in the church in Shimonoseki. To partner with us financially to support Taiga, you can give online at otan.org by clicking the Give tab and then selecting "Japan — Pastor Support." Or designate the gift on a check by using the same memo.

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