

## Meet Pastor Y

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"When I think back, I realize that it was fear that hindered me from pastoring for such a long time. Fear is not from God."

In the last few months of 2022, Pastor Y, his congregation, and his city in China experienced many fears.

"My city has seen lots of death in the past few weeks. Our whole church had COVID in

December. Lots of us are still not able to taste or smell fully. Thankfully, most of us only had a fever for three to five days," he reports.

"We are meeting in person again, but some have not returned due to fear of getting sick again. Pray that these people will come back to us so that we can minister to them through the Word of God."

For himself, Pastor Y asks only this: "I need prayer that I will not give in to the lies of Satan and not fall back but move forward with God, with His power and strength.

I sometimes do not think that I am strong enough or knowledgeable enough to lead the people that God has given me. Pray that I will keep looking to Jesus and not myself."

***Pastor Y is part of a growing but oppressed number of underground Chinese churches that cannot worship freely or share their faith openly. This week as you enjoy the freedom to attend the church of your choice without fear of persecution,***

- ***pray for Pastor Y***
- ***pray for the safety of his small congregation***
- ***and pray for his mind and heart to be encouraged and strengthened.***