

## A WORD FROM OUR CHINA MINISTRY MANAGER

"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before (him); and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not recieve him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem."

Luke 9:51-53

We came back to the US for a wedding recently, and as we traveled around, I was shocked by how things have changed in the Christian community and the US as a whole. There seemed to be a lack of love or concern for sharing the gospel with people around the world or even across the street. We need to get back to loving each other and caring for one another!

Living and working internationally makes us see things in a different light. We have a deep love for those we work with and for the unbelievers around us. With the divide in our own country as well as two wars around the globe, so many people seem to have lost the love for others that is indicative of being a Christian. Christ came to save the lost, not to build walls between people.

The week we returned, we were able to have a marriage conference in Southeast Asia with six Russian pastors and their wives. Since the war began, OTAN has not been able to go into Russia. However, this was a great time of encouragement—to be able to love other brothers and sisters that have not only been going through the political strains of sanctions but also persecution for being Christians. They were so uplifted and strengthened to keep preaching the gospel and doing the good work.

We are in a battle against an enemy that will do anything to destroy and or deceive. Ephesians 6:12 tells us that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

We will keep our eyes on Jesus and His calling for us and not be distracted by the world and Satan's temptations. Jesus has won the war already! We will "set our faces" to unify the body and work together to bring the gospel to as many people as we can.

I plead for you to help us in prayer as we work in this hostile world. We are not here to build our kingdom —but His.

## D, OTAN China Ministry Manager

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringing **good tidings**, that publisheth **peace**; that bringeth **good tidings** of good, that publisheth **salvation**, that sayeth unto Zion, "**Thy God reigneth!**"



## **NEW PEOPLE GROUPS, FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES, AND FAMILY NEEDS** Updates and prayer requests from our pastors in China

Pastor W: We have the opportunity to host a children's camp in a new province with a minority group who must live under a lot of restrictions. Pray for wisdom and for safety as we bring the gospel to this people group in this new area.

Pastor C: I am so thankful for the support I have received lately. My mother has been in the hospital the past few weeks, so we had to go back to our hometown to help out. The way that medical care works here is that family or friends need to bring food and basic living care to patients in hospitals. We will need to stay for a month or two.

Pastor E: I have been very busy traveling around the country visiting pastors and encouraging them in the work. This summer I am doing two camps in my home area and am also looking into ways to host more camps in China. We are also starting a new school in September in another area that will focus on training pastors' children in both the Bible and vocational life.

Pastor J: I currently have three small groups that I am working with. My wife and I are having some struggles with being able to get our children into the education system in our area. Also, my wife needs to return home for a few weeks to help care for her father who is ill.

Pastor T: I will be working in another village for summer camps as we are not able to do anything in our hometown because authorities are watching us closely at this time. Pray for my wife. She is in our hometown now because she will give birth to our first child in August.

Today, pray for these pastors and for their wives and families. Pray for their safety as they share the good news of Jesus' love. To send a gift to our China outreach, mail a check to the address below or give online at OTAN.org. Thank you!



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The pastors and church workers we partner with are grateful for your prayers and financial support. God is using your investment to further the gospel and strengthen the body of Christ around the world. If you have questions or want to know more about our outreach in China, we'd love to connect with you.



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