

PASTOR WORKER REPORT
WINTER 2025

CHINA



A WORD FROM DALE

“I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”
Philippians 4:12-13

The famous quote “It was the best of times; it was the worst of times” is from Charles Dickens’ novel *A Tale of Two Cities*. This is probably the most quoted line from any novel in history, but it perfectly sums up the past few months in China. We have seen and heard of the rise in persecution of our brothers and sisters, and at the same time we have had the privilege of working with some of the most courageous Christians I have ever met.

I have seen two of our past students give their lives to missions in the Middle East, met with another that is leading a church of over 300, and been able to arrange for two groups to start OBI (advanced Bible classes for pastoral training) in the mobile training center. At the same time, I had to cancel visits to two cities for security reasons and heard of a pastor that has been under house arrest for the past year because he was working with foreigners.

This is life in a restricted access country. As we serve, we need to keep looking into the eyes of the Savior to increase our faith and guide us to what He wants us to do. We know Who holds the future, so all we can do is trust and obey that He has the best for us and for those that we work with. We will be doing two summer camps with Christian business people this summer. **We ask that you pray that we will have wisdom on how to reach the children that come.**

I just returned from a trip to meet a pastor whose son is a student of ours. I went to meet him and give a short training to some of their small group leaders and to dedicate a new church building. As happens frequently here, you need to be flexible. What was going to be a quick visit became three days of discipleship training, one 5:00-7:00 AM preaching, and a dedication service ending in the Lord’s Supper with 80 plus believers. What a blessing to see God at work in a country that is trying to stop it!

Like I said in the beginning...it is the **best of times** when you are with the Lord.

D, OTAN China Ministry Manager

...[Jesus] was moved with compassion toward them because they were as sheep not having a shepherd.

Mark 6:34



Tiananmen Square, Beijing



Chinese New Year festival welcoming "The Year of the Snake"

THANKFULNESS, FRUIT, AND THE NEED FOR NEW LEADERS

Updates and prayer requests from our pastors in China

Pastor J: Thank you for the prayer and financial support through the years. Our small groups are growing spiritually but not in numbers. Pray for this outreach. My wife is still looking for a job, and I have an opportunity to start a leadership training in my hometown. This may lead to a move for our family or more travel for me. Pray that this will not be too hard on our children.

Pastor C: We are seeing fruit both in the city and with the two groups out in the villages. The city has been under a lot of pressure from "big brother" as of late, and they need to be careful with their contact with us and with any outreach they do. We are still seeing growth in the church in both maturity and numbers. As for the villages, they have more freedom because the Lord has given them favor with the local people because they see the love of Christ in them. We are planning on starting a new group in the second village once we train a leader.

Pastor T: My wife and I are back in our hometown and are adjusting to our new life with a baby in the house. The church here has had freedom to meet as long as we keep the numbers small. The members are making small spiritual growth steps in the right direction. I am planning on a new discipleship small group that will start in March. I hope this will help the people see the need to be witnesses for Christ.

Pastor E and Pastor W: We hosted some college camps this past month. It was a blessing to see young adults learning and having fun. Our church has had some struggles with a sister that tried to come in with false teaching about another gospel. By the grace of God and teaching of the Word, we were able to shed light on this, and all the sheep are safe in the fold!

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!



Partner By Praying

We're so grateful for our praying partners. Want to learn to more effectively pray for missionaries? Visit otan.org/pray.



Partner By Giving

Give securely online at otan.org. Help us reach China when you select "China Ministry" from the ministry menu.



Partner By Going

Is God calling you into the mission field? We'd love to talk to you about it! Connect with us at otan.org/serve.

CONTACT OUTREACH TO ASIA NATIONALS

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.



P.O. Box 2440
Winchester, VA 22604



info@otaninfo.org



www.otan.org