

A WORD FROM DALE

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:23-25

These verses bring so much encouragement to the church workers here in China as we watch the authorities try to stop Christians from meeting together for worship, from sharing their faith with friends or neighbors, or just looking to God for basic needs in this world.

The actions of the Chinese church are similar to the way the writer of Hebrews was warning the believers in the first century to keep the faith through the Word of God and fellowship with one another. This is what we at OTAN are able to do with your continued prayer and support of the national partners that we work with. It is with a humble heart and thanksgiving that I want to thank all of you for the love that many of you have shown to us that we are able to keep working through this difficult season in China.

D, OTAN China Ministry Manager

THANKFUL HEARTS, SPIRITUAL WARFARE, & TRAINING FELLOW NATIONALS Updates and prayer requests from our pastors in China

Pastor C: Thank you for your help as this allows us to do the work of the Lord. It is really appreciated. By God's grace, we don't lack anything. In the last few months, I feel the Lord leading me to train our leaders in the skills of teaching, serving etc. We are planning to go to a different place to start again once they can teach themselves, and that also helps us to grow.

Besides financial help, we also need prayers because outreach is a spiritual war. Recently we have been visiting some brothers and sisters who went back to their hometown. It's kind of far and takes time to drive there, but we want to encourage them and hope they become the seed and spread the good news from there. There is a special prayer request: the building we are gathering at now is going to be taken down and rebuilt, so we are looking for a good spot that may have easy access to buses and subways, and we hope the price will be reasonable as well.

Pastor L: God has done amazing things in the last year! Our church has experienced revival, and many people underwent significant changes. Two young people made a decision to devote their time to service. One sister has been experiencing some mental illness. Several coworkers and I went to her home to pray for her, and she was healed immediately. Glory be given to the name of the Lord!

We are about to start a Sunday School. Please pray for it. Here are some other prayer requests for our church members: 1) Sister Z had cancer surgery. 2) Sister D has a nervous system disease. 3) My mom is 90 years old and has coronary heart disease. Please pray for these sisters.

Your support is such a blessing to my ministry. Without it, I would have to work another job and would be unable to do most of what I do. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support!



Updates and prayer requests from our pastors in China, continued...

Pastor E: We live in a smaller village and have not had any problems recently. God has protected us. PTL! Because each church is small, we combine the children into one larger group. Meeting with pastors and coworkers to encourage one another is so important to guard against losing the fire for the Lord. Trying to do the work alone can cause burn out, so meeting and encouraging is super important.

Visiting and training other pastors has been hard this past year. We try to go out each month for 1 to 2 weeks each time traveling around China. However, with recent pressure on the pastors, we have had to cut short or cancel many of the trips. We have a few visits planned for the end of the year. Please pray that we and the pastors we visit will have boldness to see them completed.

I have several prayer requests that I would like to share with you. 1) My grandfather has had a small stroke and cannot move his left side. He is home now, and we are able to care for him. 2) The process for some of my wife's government paperwork is taking longer than we expected. 3) The 2-year-old son of one of our classmates has leukemia, and they are trying to raise 300,000 RMB (more than \$40,000) for the initial treatment. 4) One of my cousin's sons has extreme autism. That's difficult to handle in Chinese culture, and there are not many resources to help him.

Traveling to meet with other pastors means I can't get a second job. Your prayers and your support are so helpful to me and my family. Thank you so much!

Today, would you pray for these pastors and for their wives and families? Pray for their safety as they share the good news of Jesus' love. To give a gift to OTAN's work in China, choose the "Give" tab at otan.org. Then choose "China Ministry" from the dropdown menu. Or mail a check to the address below and note "China Ministry" in the memo line. 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.





