

PASTOR WORKER REPORT
WINTER 2026

CHINA

CELEBRATING

40 OTAN

YEARS OF REACHING ASIA

Terraced fields
Shanxi Province

FAITHFULLY WALKING AND ABIDING

“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” John 15:5

With the increase in persecution from government authorities, I have been led to this verse repeatedly over the past year.

As we look to the upcoming year and beyond, it is becoming a vital reality that we stay in Christ all the time. Most likely, you are all familiar with John 15 and how important living in and for Christ is from the view of knowledge and theology, but here in China it is becoming our life. At the end of verse 5 we see “for without Me, you can do nothing.”

Government control has escalated. Some churches have been shut down and church workers have been arrested. Bibles, teaching materials, and even property have been confiscated. Some believers face financial problems due to the loss of jobs or businesses. They are worn down by the constant monitoring of all they do. Everywhere they go, someone is watching. This is how most of our Chinese brothers and sisters live in 2026.

At every turn in their ministry, they have so many obstacles that it is only by His grace that they can do anything. Also, by this same grace, there is kingdom fruit—believers becoming more fervent for the Lord and newborn babes coming into the family of God through salvation.

What does this mean for the ministry of OTAN in the next season in China? Our OTAN pastors and team will keep walking with Christ as He leads us to the open doors that He has for us. Please be in prayer for boldness to keep preaching the gospel and to make disciples for His glory.

D, OTAN China Ministry Manager

Click the bottom of this page to read updates and prayer requests from our Chinese pastors.



Ethnic people group
performs at
Jade Dragon Snow Mountain
Lijiang, China

REACHING NATIONS BY EQUIPPING NATIONALS

Winter in a Shanxi
Province town



PRAYER REQUESTS FROM OUR CHINESE PASTORS

Pastor T: My wife and I still cannot go back to our two churches in another city as I am still not allowed to leave my hometown and am being watched closely. Pray that I will be able to go back to our churches to pastor.

Pastor C: My city is under close watch. We have not had any problems yet, but because the city is near many unreached people groups, the authorities are always actively trying to hinder the work. We have been able to go out of the city to work with two groups, and we are seeing growth among the believers in those villages. Pray for freedom to keep working in the villages and for leadership to take a more active role in the churches. Also, I hurt my ankle last fall, and it is still affecting my ability to walk longer distances.

Pastor W: Our church is going well with many people wanting to help with the children's ministry. This is a difficult ministry because the main point of contention with the government is any church activity that works with anyone under the age of 18. Pray for wisdom on how to balance safety and getting members involved in the children's ministry. I also ask prayer for some financial needs for my children.

Pastor P: We are planting a new church in my hometown. Our current church is under lots of persecution and has had to shut down young adult ministries. Because of this, the church has had to break into many small groups, and that is putting lots of pressure on the other leaders to fill the teaching responsibilities. We need to train more leaders. Pray that we will get relief from the persecution and be able to restart the ministries that were shut down. Pray for wisdom to find the right leaders.

Pastor T(2): Our church plant in our city is growing slowly. We have been able to partner with other groups in different districts that have like-minded plans for reaching our city. Pray that the new locations will thrive and produce fruit. We have had some personal struggles with the passing of my father-in-law last year and needing to move.

Would you take a moment today to pray for these leaders, for their families, and for the believers they serve?



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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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