



UPDATES AND PRAYER REQUESTS FROM OUR CHINESE PASTORS

Pastor P: We had hoped to open businesses in another part of town, but we were not able to. The police told the landlord not to rent to us. We had to break the church into nine small groups, but in the process we lost some members that only want to meet in a large group. Also, our offerings have gone down 35% due to the bad economy in China. I went back to my hometown, and I have started three new groups of 15-20 people and am hoping to have a fourth this spring. Brother W has taken on more leadership of the larger group that has divided.

Pastor C: I am recovering from my ankle injury so I have been able to drive and visit the two churches outside of the city this past month. This was a blessing to all of us. I was also able to reconnect with a brother from our sending church that left over a disagreement a few years ago. The brother returned to the city where our church is and wants to come back and help. This brother helped us when we first moved to the city. Think of Paul and Barnabas in Acts 15. It is good when the brothers live in unity! This is happening more as persecution rises. It is easy to see who the real enemy is. As brothers love one another more, the small differences don't compare with the importance of preaching the gospel.

Previously, we mentioned a church associated with Pastor Y in the north that the authorities closed, taking all their books and tables. They will not give up! They met online for months, but a few weeks ago they met at 4:00 in the morning as a larger group "offline." (This is the way the church in China says it when they meet in person. Translation can be funny sometimes.) They are not doing regular services yet but are planning on meeting at different times on different days to have fellowship offline.

This is a great example for us as they live out Hebrews 10:25: *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

Would you take a moment today to pray for all of our Chinese pastors and leaders? Pray that they will keep the course and finish strong. Pray that they will not look to the world or to themselves for strength...but to God.



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YEARS OF REACHING ASIA

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Hangzhou, China

LIVING LIVES OF FAITH, NOT FEAR

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

“Wo men hai pa!” (We are afraid!) As we sat in the park, chatting with our past discipleship school graduates in the far northwest and sharing from Ephesians 4 about knowing Him more, the conversation turned toward the emotional strain of persecution. Gospel work is slow there because of the constant threat to their livelihood from government restrictions on religious activities and also—sadly—from unhealthy demands within the leadership of their sending group.

Persecution in China is ever increasing, as in Paul’s day when he wrote the letter we know as 2 Timothy to the young pastor in Ephesus. He was encouraging Timothy to remember his faith and, more importantly, his God. As the government afflicts believers through intimidation and imprisonment for living out and practicing their faith, larger numbers hide in fear—but mostly from authorities, not from fear of sharing the gospel. They meet in small groups and are using this as an opportunity to invite friends and family to see and learn who Jesus really is.

At the end of Samuel’s life, he says that even in an evil world and with an evil king, he was compelled to pray for the king and all of Israel:

Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and right way: Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in Truth with all your heart: for consider what great things He hath done for you.

I Samuel 12:23-25

I am asking that you pray not only for our Chinese brothers and sisters in Christ but also for the gospel to impact the country of China from the leadership all the way to the least of them.

A group of faithful supporters from the US came and poured into the team here. It was such an encouragement to have them with us for a week. They had two days teaching the students and two days when they taught us from their hearts and also took time to minister to each of us with words and actions of love.

This was a huge blessing for our Chinese staff and leadership to be able to be built up and loved on. When you are in ministry and always pouring out, sometimes the oil runs dry. We are inspired and refreshed!

D, OTAN China Ministry Manager

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