

PASTOR WORKER REPORT
SUMMER 2026

CHINA

CELEBRATING

40 OTAN

YEARS OF REACHING ASIA

Rice fields,
northeastern China

IN THE MIDST OF PERSECUTION, GOD WORKS!

Looking at the first half of 2026—and really for the past 2 years—there has been a theme running through the ministry in China: The more the persecution of God’s people (the church) increases, the more we see His plans evolve.

In the Bible, God tells His people to “be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth” (Gen 9:1b). I could make references all the way to the book of Acts where Christ tells the apostles, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

This is what we are seeing in China. The churches are multiplying into more and more groups as the persecution increases. They have split into many smaller groups. Because of this, more groups and people are being reached with the gospel, and that leads to the need for more groups. This is not easy, but nothing worth doing is.

Because of this increased oppression in their homeland, we are seeing young Chinese believers going to other countries to share the gospel to the unreached and impoverished! What is perceived as a hindrance to our ministry at OTAN is really the fulfillment of God’s plan for OTAN...not the end, but a new opportunity to serve the living God and His Kingdom.

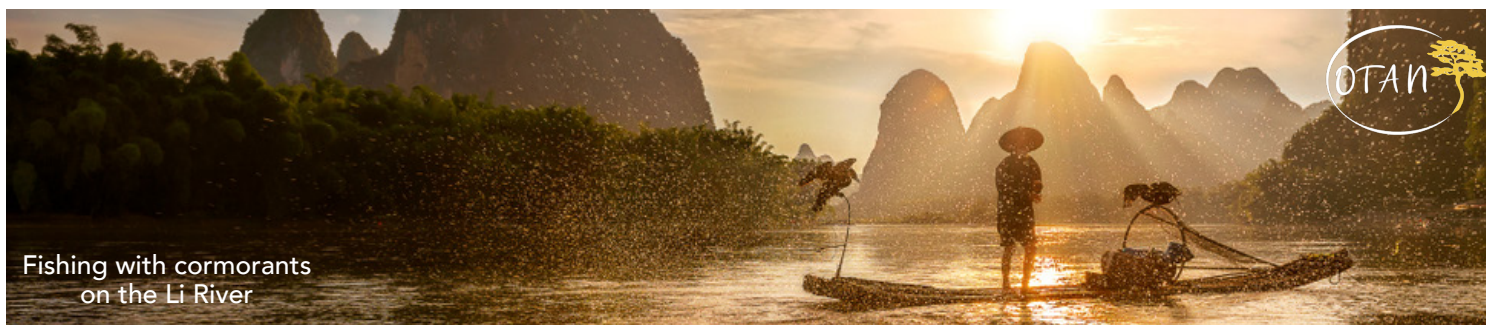
Pray for our Chinese brothers and sisters. Pray that the house churches would have wisdom to know when to divide their congregations to “fly under the radar” of authorities. Pray for safety for several summer outreaches that believers are planning. Pray that the gospel will go forth and that people will have boldness in sharing.

We’re so grateful for your prayers and for your faithful support of our work in China. Thank you!

D, OTAN China Ministry Manager

Crowded street in
Shaanxi Province

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Fishing with cormorants
on the Li River

NEWS FROM OUR CHINESE PASTORS

Pastor Y: Last month, J and I had a chance to meet some local leaders and got to know more brothers and sisters in the faith. We introduced what we do in this city and shared many good testimonies. They were very interested in sending kids to the discipleship school in the future. Fellow brothers from our hometown came to visit us and offer their support.

Pastor E: We will be having a college outreach in August. We hope to have 25+ young adults for the two-week program. For the tablet project (study resources in Mandarin), I have distributed some of the devices to everyone. They are delighted and greatly in need of them! We are very grateful for the generosity of those who made this project possible. We have given away around 30 so far, and we have many requests for others.

Pastor J: Three of our young believers from our discipleship school traveled to the Philippines to continue their studies, and one went to Malaysia. We have been able to meet as a group the past few months and are working on a summer outreach to disabled children and their families.

Pastor P: The churches in my hometown are growing very fast. We have three meetings currently and are actively looking for where to expand next. We still need to keep the numbers small, no more than 20 people. We were hoping to have a summer camp outreach this year, but we think that we are being watched so we decided not to be too active this year but to focus on the growth of the believers in the church so they can reach their family and friends.

Pastor T: I've been traveling lately, visiting two cities. I witnessed growth among all people groups. A young university student received baptism after coming to faith. I also learned about a young man from the Bai people group who came to believe and began serving. It is quite rare for people of the Bai minority to embrace Christianity. Traditionally, this community has many idol worship customs. His personal testimony touched the family. They were once hardened in their ways. Now they have come to faith with sincere, pure hearts.

Today, please pray for our Chinese pastors and leaders. Ask God to give them strength and protection as they share the gospel among their people and as they lead their precious flocks.



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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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