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Going Deeper, Reaching Wider

COM has been richly blessed by God with wonderful staff developing relationships with top Chinese throughout the U.S. We rejoice in all that He is doing in us and through us. We are encouraged by comments such as these from those who have come to know Christ:

"I believe Bible is truth, Jesus is God and He is living, He is the only way that leads to true life, eternal life. Without Him, I have no direction, no confidence, no hope."

"May God bless you abundantly! You have been doing great job. Your impact to China is beyond measure."

"It is a great mission and vision of COM. The gospel seeds that you planted will change China in the near future. Thank you for your hard working and faithful servants."

"When I came to America I was looking for love and purpose in my life. I saw a happiness in Christians, and they showed me love by caring for me and helping me."

The numbers of Chinese students and scholars continue to increase – now over 300,000 in the U.S. There are so many who are here and open and need someone to reach out to them in love. So we are in the midst of the Going Deeper, Reaching Wider Project. God has placed our staff in key places where there are many more Chinese than we currently have adequate resources to contact. So we want to go deeper and wider where we currently have staff. We want to add staff in these places, raise up more volunteers, and expand to other universities in the same area.

And we also need funding to make it possible. Funding for recruiting new missionaries, to help new missionaries get started, for regular support for missionaries, for training, for team building, for Bibles and materials, and for administrative staff to assist these area teams for effective ministry. Our goal for this project is \$605,000 over two years – this year and next. So far \$200,000 has been raised, and another \$175,000 in anticipated gifts.

These are important days – the opportunities are great and the laborers are few. Would you prayerfully consider what part you can play to help COM go deeper and reach wider so that more Chinese will hear the Gospel and impact others for Christ?



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COM President



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Remembering China Outreach Ministries in Your Will

A charitable bequest (will) can be a once in a lifetime, legacy gift. After providing for the needs of your family, a bequest gives you the freedom to give to the ministries that you hold dearest. With a bequest/will designating China Outreach Ministries (COM) as a beneficiary, you can pass your "calling" to support reaching Chinese students, to future generations, while also enjoying full control of your assets during your life.

Writing your will using simple language, can help you indicate a fixed dollar amount or a percentage of your estate to go to COM. You may even leave a percentage of what is left after all other recipients receive a gift from your estate. Here are some wording examples:

Specific dollar amount - "I hereby give to China Outreach Ministries, located in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, the sum of \$_____.

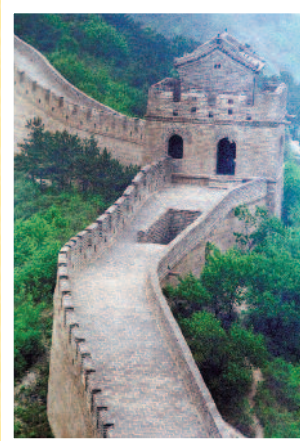
Percentage of estate - "I hereby give _____% of my estate to China Outreach Ministries, located in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

China Outreach Ministries as contingent beneficiary - "If any of my above named beneficiaries have not survived me, I hereby direct that their shares be given to China Outreach Ministries, located in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania."

If you have remembered China Outreach Ministries in your will, please let us know. We'd like to "thank you" appropriately. We may even be able to help you direct all or part of your bequest to an area of ministry you most want to support. That may include a special project, staff outreach, campus/regional ministry, etc. If you have any questions or inquiries, please contact Jeff Krimmel, Director of Development, by phone at 717-591-3500 or email him at jkrimmel@chinaoutreach.org. You may also check out our website at www.chinaoutreach.org and visit our "Donate" webpage for a variety of videos to help you plan your estate.

CHINA TOUR 2015

China Outreach Ministries is hosting a tour of China tentatively scheduled for April 13–27, 2015. Here are some of the highlights of our tour:



- Visiting China cities including; Beijing, Xian, Chongqing and Shanghai.
- Visit Chinese Universities and connect with "returnees" our staff met in America.
- 3 nights cruising on the Yangtze River.
- Visit Tiananmen Square, Gate of Heavenly Peace and Forbidden City.
- Special entertainment featuring the "Tang Dynasty dinner Show".
- Visit Great Wall, site of the 2008 Olympics and Terracotta soldiers & horses.
- Visit classical Yuyuan Garden and night cruise on the Wusong River in Shanghai.
- And so much more!

Cost is approximately \$3,989 per person from Los Angeles, based on two adults sharing a room.

For more information call Jeff Krimmel or Debbie Walz at 717-591-3500.

SNAPSHOTS FROM OUR WORKERS

From one of our workers, University of Maryland, College Park: “Now that I’m in America, I want to learn about Christianity.” This statement I heard from a Chinese scholar a few months ago illustrates the open hearts of many Chinese studying in the U.S.

From Chris Deng, University of California, San Diego: “T” is a junior and shared with me his struggle in seeking his post-graduate education. He would like to go to Fuller Theological Seminary for its solid program and godly teaching. But he expects that his mother will be strongly against this move, since she would like her only son to enter a Ph.D. program at an elite university. We have seen that through pain “T’s” faith is growing, as well as his passion of doing God’s will. I encouraged him to seek the Lord’s direction for his life and future. Pray for “T” and his mother.

From Trey & Hannah Nation, Tufts, Boston: Please pray for our dear friend “P”! Last month she told us that she is very much considering “becoming a Christian.” This was a surprise to us since she had not indicated much interest before this announcement. It seems her plans for her time in the US have not turned out to be what she hoped and this has caused her to seek for better answers in life. She does not know much about the gospel, but she started attending Trey’s Bible study more frequently and she meets weekly with Hannah for conversation and Bible study. Hannah recently asked her how she has been thinking about God and she replied, “I still am not sure what I think, but I really want Jesus to be real.” Pray that she will connect with more Christians, especially Chinese. She had a bad experience with “aggressive” Christians when she first arrived in Boston and as a result is wary

of the church. Pray for great wisdom for us and we help encourage her in seeking Christ. Pray that he would make himself known to her in sweet and gentle ways.

From Duane & Jodi Decker, Portland State: We continue to use the wonderful technology of “Skype” to stay in touch with friends who have returned to China like Ms. “Y” and with those who have headed off for additional schooling or jobs in Texas, Ohio, Japan and elsewhere. The most fun Skype session for us is with Mr. “D”. He continues to genuinely hunger for what the Bible has to say to and has included his 11 year-old son in the study. Each time we read God’s Word, Mr. D and J are eager to read, understand, question and take it all in. Prayer is recurring subject, one that I enjoy speaking with them about. Please pray that this hunger will spill over into the son’s heart so he comes to a saving knowledge, just like his father did while he was here.

From Rebecca Daulton, Oregon State: I have known my friend “S” for about a year and a half and it hasn’t been until recently that her heart has started to soften towards the idea of God. My friend has always relentlessly pursued learning, happiness, and being positive. When we meet for lunch, she loves to ask my thoughts on various situations happening around her. A few weeks ago, she noted that she has a very black and white view of life, and that I seem to know how to look at the grey as well. I was able to share how my Biblical worldview and the wisdom that God shares with us in the Bible help me to see situations differently. The next week, she boldly proclaimed that she has been focusing on her physical and mental life, but needs to work on her spiritual life and asked if she could come to church with me. Please continue to pray for “S,” that seeds of truth would take root! ■

From China to Penn State to Florida

by Kirk Zuercher, *Penn State*



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ach spring we have our annual Spring Break trip to Florida with the Chinese scholars. This year we had 33 Chinese scholars and 3 Americans on the bus. One of the great things about this trip is the opportunity the scholars have to stay in host homes when in Ft. Lauderdale. We received this e-mail

from one of the host families:

“We were blessed by hosting a couple, “W” and “Y.” They seemed to be quite open to God when they arrived and were attending a Chinese Church in PA. They tagged along with us to two church services. The first service, they sat in our class and observed us teach the kids. The second service, we attended together and they held our adopted Chinese daughter, Faith, the whole time. We then had them join us for an engagement party at my parents' house and they enjoyed themselves and asked a lot of questions.

On our last morning together, “W” announced to me while I was making his breakfast, that he'd like to accept Christ and knew he was ready and understood everything. He said his wife would need more time. I explained to him how to pray and accept Jesus. He said he knew that if he'd accept Jesus, he could have a happy family and better life too.

He also told us that in China, prior to coming to the States, he had a co-worker from the same province as our daughter, that was always talking to him about God. He did not understand until this trip to Florida.

He said he discussed a lot with the other scholars on the bus and some had faith and others did not understand how Christianity was going to fit with Communism. “W” explained, “God is all knowing, all powerful and most importantly, God is our friend.”

It is amazing to see how God uses many to bring people to Himself. Here is a Chinese man who came to State College and then had to travel to Florida to meet a family that God would use to bring him home.

Nothing is impossible for God! ■



...til death do us part?

by Tom and Kathy Lindstrom, *University of Minnesota*

For Chinese students, pressure to provide financially for their family is intense. The Chinese students here in the United States carry that pressure with them into the classroom and the lab. The opportunities for investing emotionally and relationally into marriage and family life are limited, given their schedules. In March, we planned our first ever Marriage and Family Seminar in conjunction with the Hospitality Center for Chinese. The speaker, Ned Berube, built trust and rapport over the morning talk in a winsome fashion, but also brought some firm, direct application as the day went on.

The values in the academic realm often displace time with family. This is true in China as well as the USA. Ned talked about dating his wife weekly, and including her in planning and taking time to connect almost daily about things of importance. The reactions to these ideas were mixed. The wife of one Chinese couple grew more and more happy with what he was teaching, but the husband seemed to get more and more uneasy, shifting his weight and looking straight ahead with a solemn look.

Pray for us as we seek further opportunities to minister to these couples and as we plan for future events. ♥



We were a part of her journey

“You are a part of the journey of each student you meet.” We clearly remember COM’s Vice President, Daniel Su, sharing that with us at last year’s staff conference. It is our job to be faithful to respond to where the students are and allow God to use us during the short time we have together, trusting God will continue to lead them in their journey.

“V” is a perfect example of this. She was only in Greensboro for 6 months, but it was obvious from the beginning that God was working in her life. Early in our time together she shared about her Christian roommate and friends. She regularly attended the Chinese Church as well as the events we held. She was hungry. It was obvious God was surrounding her with Christians who would pour into her life with love and truth.

She was here for such a short time that we were not surprised she did not make a commitment before she left, but we trusted that it would not be long after she returned. She got plugged into a church in China, continued to seek and sure enough, we received the following e-mail on Easter:

“Some good news about myself for you and Kelly, I have joined a church. What’s more, I have made the prayer of determination to be a Christian. Thank you so much for teaching me a lot in the Bible study.”

We were a part of her journey. The journey was ultimately hers and God’s and our calling was to be faithful in the short time we had with her. Of course, we would love for every student to become a believer while they are here, but we know and trust that God will continue to work in their lives as they return to China. What a true joy and blessing to be a part of this journey, even when we don’t see the results first-hand! ■

Trapped in my personal jail

This is the story of “P,” a Chinese graduate student who is now one of our student leaders:

It has been more than one year since I came to the USA. I had no worry about coming to the US, but I was wrong. Culture shock, my poorly spoken English, and lack of confidence made me fall into depression. The feeling of loneliness and emptiness, the embarrassment of saying nothing with the local students and no sense of belonging, trapped me in my personal jail. I isolated myself in my bedroom. I thought I could handle this situation all by myself, but it just went into a vicious circle and my mood was extremely blue. I kept questioning why I came to the USA, why do I need to suffer this pain, why not just book the ticket and leave forever away from the states? Those thoughts were lingering in my brain all the time.

In September 2012 a friend told me there would be a Friendship Dinner held by COM. I happened to know that one of my professors was going to give a speech that night. I decided to go there, primarily for building up the relationship with my professor. At that dinner, I

was so moved by the testimony by a Christian student and inspired by the lecture of my professor. But the most impressive thing was that I was so surprised to see the pleasure, joy, fulfillment, and satisfaction on the MC’s face. Her expression was so real. In-

stantly I knew these were things I wanted and I was curious to know why she could be that happy.

Driven by my eagerness to know the answer, I went to the MC and asked her. We started a short talk about Jesus and that conversation served as the seed for my faith in God. I started going to a Bible study led by COM staff every Wednesday night. Through the study, I recognized we human beings are sinful, but our God is righteous, so beautiful, so caring, and he loves us so much. I came to put my trust in Christ.

There will be some low light moments in life. We will be distracted by the difficulties we face or by various kinds of temptation. As long as you pray to God, rely on God’s power, not on your own limitations, depend on God and trust God, our Father will provide a way to help you walk in your faith. ■

STAFF CONFERENCE 2014



IN April, over 80 COM staff came together at the Glen Eyrie Conference Center in Colorado Springs for a time of renewal, training and sharing of ideas for outreach to China scholars and students. A highlight of the conference is always the commissioning of new staff and this year was no exception with 8 new staff joining the COM team. Our speakers and musicians challenged all of us to continue to fully commit to the task the Lord has set before us. Thank you so much for praying for the conference and the safe travel for all involved. ■

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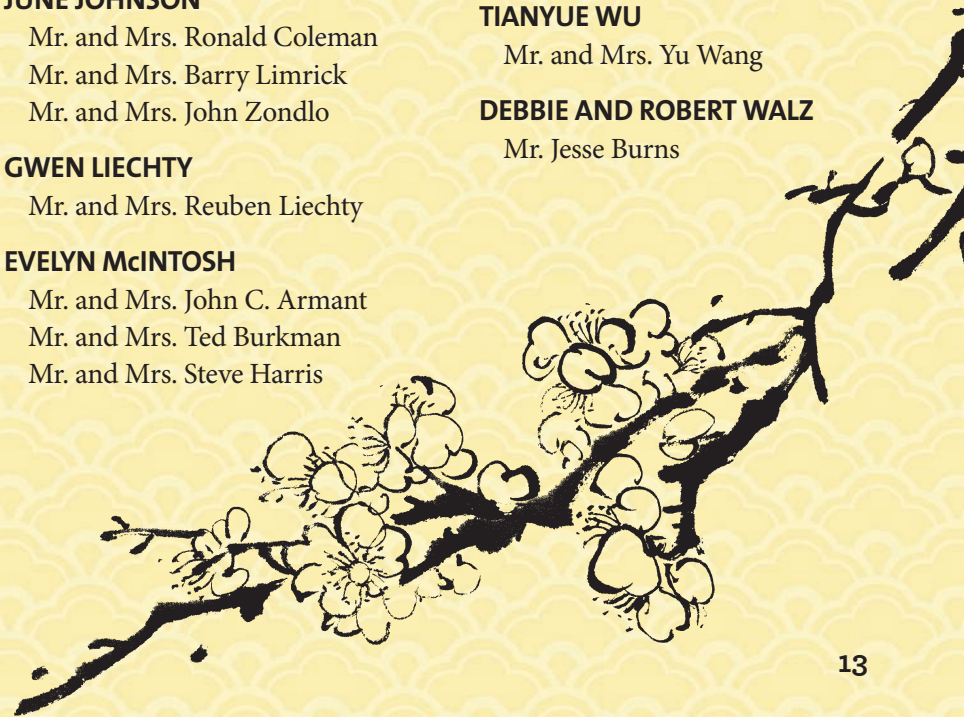
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Clarion Inn
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Friday, Sept. 19 • 12 noon
Evans Memorial U.M. Church
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Thursday, Sept. 25 • 6 p.m.
Trinity Christian Church
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