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## It's Still God's Work

By Daniel Su, COM President

In ministry, not every season is marked by immediate fruit. Some seasons appear quieter, even slower to our human eyes. But make no mistake—faithful work done in obedience to God is never wasted. What may seem small or delayed to us is still significant because he is always at work behind the scenes.

James 5:7 reminds us: *"Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains."*

Like the farmer, we are called to sow and cultivate the seeds of the gospel—teaching, caring, and praying—day by day. And now, with the fall semester here, we're at work again as many thousands of new students from China have arrived together with returning students for the fall semester across the country. I'm happy to report that new connections are formed, and spiritual conversations are taking place.

We are already seeing signs of growth—changes in attitude, openness to spiritual conversations, and deepening relationships. These may seem like small beginnings, but they are real and encouraging evidence of God at work. The full harvest—conversion to Christ and growth to maturity—has not yet come for many, but we know God began a good work in them and will bring it to completion in his good timing.

The farmer doesn't get discouraged or give up just because the harvest is still weeks or months away. Instead, he trusts the process God designed and perseveres in hope. In the same way, we press on—confident that God honors our steady dedication.

Slower work to us? Perhaps. But it is still God's work. He continues to change lives and many are blessed!

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## The Joy of Fruitfulness

Whatever the season of ministry, God continues to graciously give us glimpses of his good work in the lives of the students and scholars around us.

### Enxi, West Coast Area

I met a student during fall orientation last year, and I kept reaching out—sending texts, visiting her dorm, and praying for her needs. Over time, she became a faithful member of our Bible study group, where many of her questions were answered. Eventually, one of our volunteers led her in a prayer to accept Jesus, and she stood in front of other students and shared her testimony. Watching her take that step of faith filled my heart with joy and gratitude.



### Ying, North Central Area

Nancy, a Christian student, was nearing graduation when her father fell seriously ill, prompting her to return to her home country to visit him. Besides praying for her journey, we quickly taught her how to share the gospel using the Four Spiritual Laws. Though this was new for her, she shared the message with her father, who had never heard the gospel—and he joyfully accepted Christ.

### Southeast Area

Shuyi has been boldly sharing the gospel. Last semester alone, she shared Christ with at least three other international students. She and her husband have also become prayer warriors, bringing everything before God and experiencing his powerful answers in ways that strengthen their faith.

### David D., Southeast Area

After coming to the United States to study, a student in our group came to know Christians, studied the Bible, and ultimately put her faith in Jesus. Since then, we have watched God grow her faith in remarkable ways. Last summer, her nephew came from China for high school in America. Through his aunt, he was exposed to the faith through Bible studies, church events, and getting to know Christians. To our joy, he is now in a Christian school, and God continues to draw him toward faith.

### Jessica, Southwest Area

I have been praying for a discipleship group for a while, and finally, we were able to start one this spring. God answered my prayers with four girls eagerly responding to my invitation. They have been serious in doing their homework and memorizing scripture for each lesson. Pray they can be equipped as ambassadors for Christ.

### Southeast Area

In our first encounter on campus last year, Ming's heart was already prepared, and she accepted Christ upon hearing the gospel. I recently witnessed her baptism, and seeing her new life in Christ, my heart rejoices and praises the Lord with a hallelujah!



# Faith That Multiplies

By a staff member in the North Central Area

Through various outreach events, we share the love of Jesus with students and visiting scholars at the university here. Among them last year was Saul, a visiting scholar whose life has been profoundly changed by the gospel. With his permission, I share his story to glorify God!

Saul came to the university here for a short research exchange, but God had a far greater purpose for his visit. All his life, Saul had been searching for answers to the problem of evil and suffering. Raised in a home plagued by violence, addiction, and constant fear, his father's gambling left the family trapped in debt and under threat from dangerous individuals. Saul remembers seeing menacing debt collectors wielding knives and swords, threatening to harm his family. He and his brother lived under the constant shadow of death and terror. To make things worse, his mother was regularly beaten by his father—a pain that left deep emotional scars.

In search of meaning and peace, Saul studied Confucianism, Communism, and Buddhism. Yet none of these offered a satisfying answer to his questions or healing for his pain. But God was already at work.

At some point in his search, Saul downloaded a Bible. He began reading

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sporadically, not knowing that the Word of God was planting seeds in his heart. Then, in God's providence, he arranged for Saul to meet one of our Bible study scholars at his workplace. Curious and eager, Saul asked her if he could join a Bible study. Sometimes such direct requests can come from those seeking to report on Chinese Christians, but in this case, God was moving in Saul's life.

We began meeting weekly for Bible study and one-on-one discipleship. Saul also started attending church every Sunday. As he opened up about his life, we learned of the immense burden he carried, especially the pain of seeing his brother attempt suicide multiple times due to their shared traumatic past.

We rejoice that Saul decided to trust in Jesus, and soon after he shared his testimony at our Easter outreach gathering.

Saul then shared this message with his brother—and praise God, his brother believed. The two now read their Bibles with joy, even “competing” over who can read more.

Saul's heart now turned to his wife and mother. We encouraged him to let them see the transformation in his life. Within two weeks, Saul's wife noticed a significant change in him, and soon she believed, too. His relationship with his mother, once superficial, became genuinely warm. One day, he shared the gospel with her—and she, too, trusted in Jesus.

Jesus said, “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). What a joy it is to witness this abundant life take root in hearts that have long suffered under the weight of evil.

# Our Ministry in Changing Times

## Q&A with Daniel Su, COM President



### How has China Outreach Ministries grown over the years and what is the state of the ministry today?

We are grateful for God's faithful hand in guiding COM's growth since our founding in 1959. In the late 1980s, we appointed Rev. Ken Wagoner as our first campus missionary, launching direct outreach at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University. Since then, COM has grown into a nationwide ministry, now serving on **55 campuses across the United States—building relationships, sharing the gospel, and discipling new believers.**

While our methods have evolved with changing times, our mission remains the same: *Giving Christ to China's future leaders.*

However, today's ministry landscape presents significant new challenges. Along with rising tensions between Washington and Beijing, rapid changes within China have made the journey to faith more complex for many Chinese students and scholars. Those returning to China also face more obstacles integrating into the body of Christ. Further, with a backlog in visa processing, approximately 14 of our missionaries face the expiration of their Religious Worker visas.

Amid the challenges and uncertainties, we are grateful to see God's hand

still at work. Students and scholars continue to come to faith in Christ. We have recently expanded our ministry to campus communities such as Texas A&M, where there are over 1,000 Chinese students and scholars plus family members. We thank God for such opportunities.

### How have these changing dynamics affected COM's budget?

In the United States, public perception of China has grown increasingly negative for obvious reasons. Unfortunately, some people do not distinguish between the Chinese government and the Chinese people, most who have yet to hear the gospel. As a result, it has become more challenging to raise funds and recruit new missionaries. On top of this is inflation, increasing operational costs.

Consequently, we need to raise more for the General Fund to keep our ministry growing. As we continue to adapt and expand our outreach, giving to the General Fund has become more crucial than ever to sustain ongoing work and respond quickly to new opportunities.

### What is the General Fund, and how does this fund facilitate the work of COM missionaries?

The General Fund is the backbone of our financial framework. It supports the core operations that keep everything aligned and functioning, so our missionaries—the arms and legs of the ministry—can actively share the gospel. When the core is strong, the whole ministry thrives.

The General Fund benefits all our missionaries and covers core operational costs. This includes:

- Missionary training and care, including health insurance subsidies
- Salaries for a few essential administrative staff members
- Office equipment
- Technology upgrades to protect donor data and ensure online security
- Returnee follow-up in China

Stan, who served as a COM missionary in Virginia, recently shared: *Whether planned or unplanned, medical needs require good insurance to help families navigate the high costs of care. Over the past few years, our family has had a medical emergency that required a 13-night hospital stay as well as a planned, necessary surgery. That's not to mention ongoing care and other needs. We're so thankful for COM's commitment to providing comprehensive medical insurance for all staff that relieves the financial stress of major medical care.*



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# Embrace the “Wilderness”!

By Myrna Hines



**“Even Jesus had a wilderness experience.”**

In the green Uwharrie Mountains of central North Carolina, COM staff gathered April 26–30 for our annual staff conference. This year, as usual, attendees described the conference as a yearly highlight, a chance to get away for fellowship and teaching with coworkers who share their call to reach Chinese students and scholars for Christ.

Our keynote speaker, Brent, a former COM staff member, brought insights from his current role of intensive training with Christian leaders. His work includes carefully structured retreats, helping these leaders—who too often work long hours—to rebalance their lives and bask in the Lord’s love.

Brent encouraged COM staff members to embrace the “wilderness” experiences, recognizing that these times come from God’s love. Even Jesus had a wilderness experience. Brent shared that in his own wilderness experience, the Lord had to “rip out” his missionary identity to help him find his true identity in Christ.

Conference attendees enjoyed sweet times of worship and prayer, along with workshops led by co-workers. Glenn Kenadjian, Director of Campus Ministries and Training, wrote a song (with the help of AI) about the conference theme, “Seeking More as We Walk with God.” Julie and Kirk Zuercher led in singing to the Lord, and two evening sessions were devoted to praying for revival and for the lost.

The last evening together included recognition of staff members for years of service or special accomplishments. COM leaders commissioned two new staff members and led us all in Holy Communion.

It was not all serious, but also included plenty of recreation and fun. When we gathered in the courtyard to play modified “volleyball” with a huge beachball, laughter abounded. The laughter continued during breaks as friends huddled in groups around the campus for games and conversation.

All in all, attendees loved this refreshing event, thankful for the encouragement, teaching, and reminders of God’s work among us.



## In Their Own Words

“I am so encouraged. Thank you!”  
—Priscilla Duncan

“The conference let me see a spiritual network woven by God himself, where coworkers come together and reap the Lord’s harvest in their respective fields.”  
—Rainbow

“I was deeply encouraged by both the messages and the sharing in my small group.”  
—Casey Liu

“I felt ministered to, especially the reminder that I am Jesus’ mission.”  
—Kathy Lindstrom



One guest, Ting, had been a student years ago at a prestigious American university. After returning to China, she and others formed a ministry that reaches out to returnees who need support and discipleship when they return to China. She spoke compassionately about the strength and challenges of the Chinese church and urged us to be intentional in building strong Christian leaders. Two COM staff members joined her this summer at the organization’s 15th anniversary retreat.



# A FATHER'S LOVE

By an anonymous  
COM staff member

As long as I can remember, I lived with my mom and grandparents. Dad was away at work. When I was about 10 years old, he came back to our town, and I could see him often. However, he never said he loved me. He always seemed angry. When I became a Christian, it was hard for me to understand our Heavenly Father's love. I struggled for some time, more than five years, to understand God's love. I still thought of God the Father as I remembered my own father.

At a Christian conference, as God moved in my heart through His Word, I finally realized that my heart was like the older brother in the parable of the prodigal son. I was like an orphan, thinking I had to earn God's love. I finally realized that I had always been accepted by the Lord, always welcome home. That completely changed me. I started to feel God's love and began to forgive my own father. I realized I had been on a journey.

Strained relationships with fathers are typical in the families of our students. Often, the father doesn't smile but holds all authority. If he says, "stop," everyone has to stop. Consequently, these students may only think of God as an authority figure. They understand the serious part of God's fatherhood, not His abundant, eternal love.

In the last 30 years, many Chinese people have embraced the freedom of operating their own businesses, not as in the former collective system. There's pressure to achieve wealth. Fathers are usually away working, and even when living at home, they go out late for socializing. Parents often send their children, from kindergarten age on, to boarding schools. Students may only see their

parents once a month. While many come from one-child families, they are lonely.

Once I did a survey of high school students from Chinese families at my church. I asked, "What are you most concerned about?" I expected they would mention relationships or their studies. Yet, the most common answer was "loneliness." Since then, I have observed and talked with students in many situations, and I see the same thing. They come to the United States often as young as middle-schoolers. They are deeply lonely, and their loneliness traces back to their fathers.

As I serve high school and college students, I teach them the Bible, and I also share fatherly love. Perhaps that's why I am so close to the students. I'm not just a teacher; I am like a father. I help them feel that the ministry is a family. I spend long hours talking with them, and students know they can come to our house anytime.

Jesus called us to go the "extra mile." I always reach people more effectively when I walk the "extra mile" with them. It's not just a student-teacher relationship, it's more like a loving family.

When I share about God's love, many students begin crying. Earlier this year, we had a retreat of about 30 students. We had many lessons, but almost everyone told me that the lesson on our Father's love touched them the most. It helped them understand how much God loves them.

Students and scholars may come to the United States for academics, but what they notice is how they are cared for. It's important for their faith to go from their heads to their hearts as they understand that Christianity is not just a subject for study, but a lifestyle. For that, they need living examples of God's love.

## How Can We Show God's Fatherly Love?

- Invite Chinese students or scholars into your home.
- Get to know them personally and individually.
- Listen compassionately to their stories and give them freedom to share openly.
- Teach them about God's fatherly love using Scripture and Bible stories.
- Demonstrate biblical love with acts of kindness.
- Seek a trained counselor when a friend needs more help than you are equipped to provide.

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“May more Chinese students and scholars come to Christ.”

“That God will take the Good News back to China!”



### How is God leading COM in budget planning for 2026, and what are specific needs to share with the body of Christ?

As we prayerfully seek God’s guidance, we are trusting that God will continue to provide the needed funds for health insurance subsidies. This cost increased by about 12% just last year. Unlike many organizations requiring missionaries to raise full support for their health insurance, COM is unique in that we subsidize 25% of our missionaries’ health insurance costs while keeping administrative fees low. Such generous support allows our missionaries to focus more fully on their frontline work and less on raising additional funds.

### How can our *IMPACT* readers help?

As God enables you to give, we would be truly grateful for gifts to the General Fund, to provide health insurance subsidies for our missionaries and their children and other core ministry funding. We are so blessed to have many faithful partners who provide generous care for our staff and ministry.

We thank God for each of you!

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**THURS, SEP 25 @ NOON**

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**THURS, OCT 9 @ 6PM**

THE PENN STATER CONFERENCE CENTER  
215 INNOVATION BLVD, STATE COLLEGE

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