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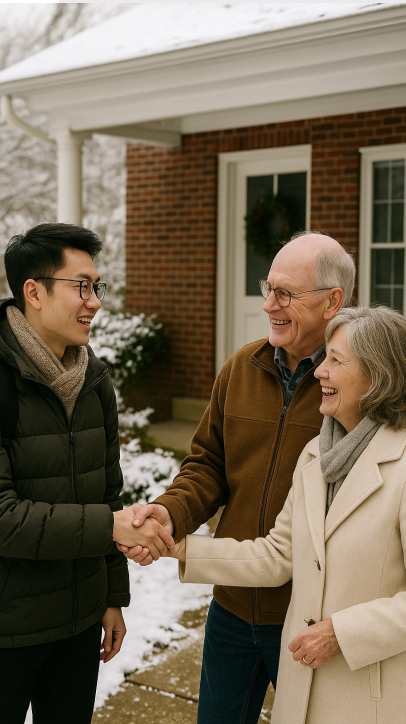
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For Whom the Call Tolls?

By Daniel Su, COM President

In every generation, God calls his people to serve—to go, to give, to pray, and to bear witness to his redemptive love. This calling has taken many forms in our ministry, and we are encouraged to see fresh evidence of how faithfully God's people respond.

Our missionaries and volunteers have stepped up in remarkable ways to serve Chinese students and scholars. Most labor here in the United States—welcoming, teaching, mentoring, and discipling. Many students have come to faith and returned to China, carrying the gospel of God's love across the ocean. Their work, both here in the United States and back in China, is often quiet and challenging, yet deeply significant. Through their obedience, God is changing lives and turning hearts toward Christ.

Centuries ago, John Donne wrote that the church bell tolls for each of us, a meditation on our shared humanity and mortality. Today, in light of Christ, we might hear the bell differently—not as a signal of death, but as a call to life and mission, to live for what matters eternally.

This calling does not rest on our missionaries alone. Every believer is invited to take part in what God is doing. Many of you have responded by standing with us in prayer and financial support. Together, we proclaim the gospel and strengthen his church among the Chinese people.

As I reflect on God's calling and what he is doing, I am filled with gratitude. His faithfulness sustains us as we follow his call. Thank you for answering God's call through your prayer and your giving so that Christ may be known and glorified.

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Ministry in Action

Campus staff members and volunteers across the country have answered God's call to faithfully serve. Here is a small sample of the creative ways they're ministering among Chinese students and scholars.



Rainbow, Southeast Area

To build connections with the Chinese student community, I accepted an invitation from our university's Chinese Students and Scholars Association to sing at a gala. Two students approached me after the concert, and when they learned I'm a Christian, they expressed interest in learning more about my faith. This reminded me of Paul's words in 1 Peter 3:15: "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

Nick Romanin, Midwest Area

My mother-in-law has been an invaluable part of the ministry here. Her hospitality, generosity, and love for cooking have brought much delight, comfort, and opportunity for the gospel among Chinese friends, young and old, from college students to retired professors.

Dorothy Boothe, Southeast Area

An excursion to a small historic town gave us time to spend with our Chinese friends and explore American culture. Conversation topics ranged from education to adoption to American celebrations as we got to know each other better. We pray for more opportunities to be with these friends and tell them about Jesus, who gave his life so they could have everlasting freedom.



Brenda Harris, West Coast Area

As one of our students was expecting a baby, my colleagues and I brought party food and baby gifts to our English lab class. We played a silly game, and students learned vocabulary words for things new parents need. The mother-to-be and her husband were so touched by our surprise that even he was in tears. Small gestures like these can be a powerful witness of God's love.

Danny Geng, West Coast Area

To foster compassion and action among graduate students, my fellowship regularly organizes volunteer efforts at Seattle's Union Gospel Mission, serving people who are experiencing homelessness. Through this service, the students gain a profound awareness of the needs of others and deepen their faith and sense of Christian service.

Mike Reynolds, Southeast Area

One of the ways we love connecting with Chinese students is through shared experiences outdoors! These activities, like hiking in beautiful weather, deepen our connection with those who participate, leading to greater opportunities for one-on-one conversations about life and faith.

Mark He, Northeast Area

This school year, I've been active in soccer practices and games with Chinese students and scholars on local campuses, and I also lead weekly soccer training sessions. Through these gatherings, I've connected with team captains and built relationships with many students. Please pray that the Lord will continue to guide me, and that he will move in hearts—that through the shared joy of soccer, many students will begin their journey of faith.



His Love Is Covering Me

By Alethia,
a Chinese Student
in America

During the first 20 years of my life, I didn't know God existed. I'd heard of Jesus from the Christmas story, but I didn't know who he was.

I grew up with a nice family that taught me to be a nice person. I just felt my life was normal, and I was doing things that made sense to my family and people around me. I was hardworking and trying to be my parents' "good kid" and live up to their expectations. My hope was always on what I could earn myself.

When I came to a small university in the United States, it was a new environment for me. I felt so much love from the people around me. I started to experience the Christian culture and

realized they were living with faith in God. I started to give up my previous misunderstanding and stereotypes of Christianity. I began to know that all the love I was experiencing was actually from God.

At the same time, I had a classmate who brought me to church every Sunday, and I started to get more connected with Christians.

After I switched universities, I truly started to read the Bible, but it took me a while to understand who God is and what he is like. I learned about the Trinity, and how God loves people. I started to accept God in my life.

I joined Kyler and Irena's Bible study,

and it helped me grow my knowledge of Jesus by experiencing his love. At the start, I did not understand what sin was, but Kyler and Irena helped me. God started to transform my life. I felt more connected to God and began talking to him more. I came to know more deeply how Jesus saved us with his blood on the cross.

With God's love and leading, I started to know the way and the truth, and I truly

Kyler and Irena Westerfeldt

Serving as campus staff members in the Midwest Area since 2019

Answering God's Call in Kyler's Words

While praying about other topics one early Sunday morning in October seven years ago, God called me to *look into international ministry*. I was single at the time and working in a marketplace vocation. God's call eventually led me to leave that work and transition to a missionary vocation. Irena, who lived in Indonesia, also felt a call to serve university students. She thought it would be in Indonesia, but through our marriage, it turned out to be serving university students in the United States.

God has sustained us with excellent colleagues from other ministries that we partner with in the motto: "Kingdom builders, not empire builders." Additionally, God has brought together volunteers and partners and has transformed internationals! "Alethia" is one, whose story you'll read on this page.

gave my life to him. My relationship with him is growing with time and study. In my hardest times, his love is covering me, and his life is always refreshing my strength. He brings me forgiveness, healing, security, and the love that I never deserve.

Partnering churches, supporters, our China Outreach Ministries supervisor, and fellow staff members have been crucial in helping us through issues and praying for us regularly. My supervisor, a great source of encouragement, has helped our family in many capacities beyond expectations.



Sweet Blessings

Answering God’s Call to Give

By Tara Miller, *IMPACT* Editor

As a teenager working her first jobs at Roy Rogers and Chick-fil-A in Maryland, Laura answered God’s call to support missionaries through giving. Now, 30 years later, she traces God’s hand of faithfulness throughout her life and calling.

From the earliest days of Laura’s childhood, commitment to the Great Commission was a hallmark of family life. Having been a missionary kid in Africa until age three, at an early age Laura sensed God’s calling to get involved in global missions.

Growing up in the United States, she put that vision in action through mission trips to Tanzania and other countries.

Laura’s parents had also emphasized the biblical practice of giving, and their teaching took root in her life. With her first paycheck at age 15, Laura was ready to give. “I wanted to support my local church,” she says, “and I was also eager to give to missions.”

Laura began exploring different giving opportunities, but one stood out. Her aunt, Debbie Walz, worked for China Outreach Ministries (COM), and the idea of reaching Chinese students in America caught Laura’s attention.



Right away, Laura began a regular commitment to support Debbie’s ministry through giving. She fondly recalls a trip to the COM office, then in Virginia, to visit Debbie. She remembers a brand-new young campus staff member stopping by the office. His name was Daniel Su. “I had no idea,” she says, “that he would one day be president of the organization!”

When Laura married her husband, Keith, years later, together they committed to continuing a practice of giving. It has not always been easy, though. “We took a brief break from tithing when finances were tight—and we quickly realized that didn’t work,” she says emphatically.

When Laura and Keith moved to Pennsylvania, the Lord blessed Laura with the opportunity to launch a baking business from their home.



God has blessed Laura with a business doing what she loves—creating beautiful custom cakes for people celebrating special moments in their lives.

“Colleges are often worldly environments that can influence young people in unbiblical ways—but we can influence them for good.”



Laura and her family joyfully partner with COM to carry out the mission of *Giving Christ to China’s Future Leaders*.

With a culinary background and a love for baking, she was known as “the cake lady” among friends and family. She ventured out and started her own LLC, Custom Cakes by Laura—and orders kept coming in.

Laura and Keith have continued to follow God’s leading for Laura’s business, Keith’s career, and their commitment to giving—even through a series of financial hardships and health challenges. At times, she says, “I felt sucker punched.” She didn’t know how they would save or even make ends meet.

“God cares for the sparrows,” Laura says, “so why were we worried?” She and Keith stayed focused on doing God’s work, whatever he had for them, and they didn’t stop tithing or giving to missions.

Laura trusted that God would provide. And he did. “Not only did he meet our basic needs,” she recalls, “but he even gave us treats, like gifts from friends and sweeter time with family.” Laura saw God in a new way as he used these experiences to shape her family to be who they are today.

When Laura’s Aunt Debbie retired from COM a few years ago, Laura transferred her giving designation to another COM staff member. When asked what motivates her in her commitment to COM ministry, she thoughtfully replies, “I see the vision, and I see how it’s working.”

Laura loves that COM missionaries are reaching students. “Colleges are often worldly environments that can influence young people in unbiblical ways,” she says, “but we can influence them for good.”

When Laura talks about her story, she stresses, “It’s not about me—it’s amazing that I can have this story, thanks to following God’s will for my life. I love being used by God.”

When asked what she would like to say to our *IMPACT* readers, Laura says: “Don’t stop, and don’t avoid what seems impossible. Missionaries can’t be where they are without givers. Whether your part is giving or serving, God will take care of his people.”



Ting's Story

Multiplying Impact

By "Jack," a COM Campus Staff Member

When we befriend Chinese students at nearby universities, we never know where those contacts will lead and how God will multiply them. My longtime friendship with Zi and Ting is a powerful reminder of this.

Zi and I became friends after I began working with COM, when he came to a major American university to pursue a graduate degree. A spiritual seeker, Zi got involved in a local Chinese fellowship and came to my English enrichment program twice a week. By the end of that first year, he had become a Christian.

Zi told me about his wife, Ting, who was coming from China the next year. Zi asked me to include Ting in outings with Chinese academics and in English enrichment opportunities.

Ting first joined our group for a cross-country skiing trip. Having a background in sports, she quickly mastered skiing, and we became friends. She also came to our English classes. Over the next

several months, Ting made many Chinese Christian friends and began grappling with the gospel herself. Within a couple of years, she came to trust in Jesus.

For several years, Zi and Ting were engaged in ministry with us. They helped with evangelistic weekends for Chinese scholars from American universities. We offered a "culture corner" for families in campus housing, and Ting's outreach drew women with young children. A new mom herself, Ting's care was a rich experience for women who were seekers or new Christians.

Upon Zi's graduation, the family returned to China, where he held a respected position at a major university. Their family participated

in an unregistered church attended by academics from surrounding universities.

Soon, Ting started ministering to returnees, new believers who had returned to China after studying overseas. She guided them to continue the spiritual journey they had begun while they were away, offering essential encouragement and discipleship.

For the last 15 years, Ting's influence has continued to grow. She is now impacting many young Christians across China who have returned to

China after studying overseas. She walks alongside them as a spiritual mentor and a caring companion, helping them adjust and face the challenges of living out their faith in China. She also encourages them to invest in the growth of local churches.

God is using Ting's life in remarkable ways to strengthen the next generation of believers. He brings people into our paths and multiplies our impact in ways we may never expect. He is building His Kingdom!

"Jack"

Serving as a campus staff member since the 1990s

Answering God's Call in Jack's Words

After graduating from college in 1975, I was waiting for approval for my first ministry job with students. On my parents' farm in Michigan, I meditated on a portion of Psalm 37: "The steps of a man are established by the LORD when he delights in his way."

Those early vocational steps took me to a campus ministry role in Michigan, where I served for many years. God later led our family to China to work with students and teachers. Amid historic turmoil there, they were eager to know of my faith, and God worked in amazing ways. When we returned to the United States we served in a new capacity with the same teaching ministry, often traveling back to China to encourage Christian teachers.

We answered God's call again when we began serving with China Outreach Ministries. Soon I met Ting, whose story you'll find on this page. There have been countless stories of God's work, as he has given us the opportunity to serve with COM for the last 25+ years!

Over the last few years, my speaking ability has slowed down due to a neurological condition. I shifted to volunteer status last year, and the Lord has enabled me to keep ministering.

Throughout my years of ministry, the Lord has truly established my steps. As I reflect now on those distant farmland meditations, I see that Psalm 37 is still true in my life 50 years later!



Carrying On a Legacy of Ministry

My Journey of Faith and Calling

By Jessica, a Campus Staff Member

I never dreamed of becoming a missionary, but deep in my heart I always had a desire to know more about God and, later, to follow Him. Now, as I minister to Chinese students and scholars in America, I look back at how God worked in my life.

The Seed of the Gospel

When I was a college student in China, I met Brent, a young American teacher full of energy and joy. Whenever he came to class, he brought laughter and warmth. He always carried his guitar, playing beautiful songs—many of which I later learned were Christian hymns. Through studying American literature with him, I began to reflect on life's deeper meaning.

Our city in winter was cold and dull, and I often wondered why an American would travel so far to such an underdeveloped place to spend years there. There must be something special about him, I thought. Later, I came to understand—it was the love of Christ.

I still remember one winter evening when Brent and other American teachers invited us to watch the *Jesus* film. That night planted a question in my heart: Who is Jesus? That question became the seed of the gospel within me.

After graduation, Brent sent me an English Bible, which I regarded as a treasure. I read it often for about a year, on my own. After Brent moved to another university, he kept visiting me and other students.

There was another couple at my college who also had an impact on my faith. Through my relationship with them, I came to Christ two years later and continued to grow in following Him.

God's Calling in the United States

About 10 years ago, I came to the United States to pursue my master's degree in Christian Education, though I wasn't yet sure where God wanted me to serve. I prayed, "Lord, I want to know You more, and help me to love you more."

The first year, I struggled with anxiety, uncertainty about the future, and loneliness. But God completely healed my anxieties. Understanding my identity in Christ brought me true joy. God comforted me through His Word: "Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). I prayed often, asking, "God, where do You want me to serve?" Amazingly, His answer was simple: right here on campus.

So I began tutoring at the International Office. That very day, I met a group of international students and boldly shared my testimony. I didn't expect much, but later, one student came to me and said, "Jessica, I'd like to visit your church." I was amazed! She later decided to follow Jesus!

That was my first step into student ministry—not something I had planned, but something I obeyed. And through it, I saw God open new doors.

Growing in Ministry

Brent, who had returned to the United States, continued to serve Chinese students, now through China Outreach Ministries (COM). He encouraged me to join the organization, but I hesitated. I had never done college ministry and wasn't sure if it was truly God's calling for me.

While serving part-time at my church as the coordinator for the Chinese college ministry, I attended a conference where I met a COM staff member. I began to pray, "Lord, could this be where You are leading me—to partner with others for greater impact?"

A few days later, I unexpectedly received an email from COM's HR department, inviting me to learn more. It felt like an answered prayer. God had already prepared the way, and I joined the ministry later that year.

I began my COM ministry during the pandemic, which seemed like the worst possible time to start, especially for fundraising. My support base has remained small and limited, but through every challenge, I've seen that God has never been short of provision. Brent has encouraged me, reminding me that COM is a family that supports one another.

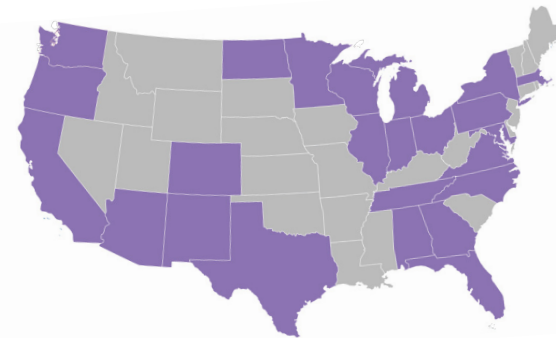
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COM Locations Across the United States

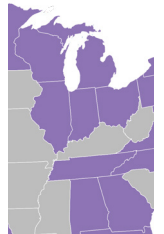
Campus staff members have answered God's call to serve in **60+ university communities** (shown in purple) across the country. For a complete list, visit www.chinaoutreach.org: About/Where We Are



Welcome!

Sarah Li, Midwest Area

Sarah Li recently joined COM staff in the Midwest Area. Sarah moved from China to the United States several years ago and has been serving as a volunteer alongside her husband, also a COM staff member.



Carrying On a Legacy of Ministry, *continued from page 11*

I now see myself carrying the baton forward, continuing the loving ministry that Brent shared with me. Looking back, I realize that God had a plan long before I understood it. The more I serve, the more I experience God's love. God has blessed me abundantly, even through challenges—shaping me and drawing me closer to Him.

I am deeply thankful for my friend and mentor, Brent—the first person who shared Christ with me. Even now, I still seek his wisdom when I face difficult situations. And through this journey, I've come to see that God's faithfulness never fails. To Him be all the glory.

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