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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

China & Grads & Truck & Serious Prayer



Jesus won't save you — President Xi Jinping will, Chinese Christians told. This was a headline in the Washington Post 11-15-17! The article that followed explained that with Xi's latest election to another five-year term as the Communist Party leader, he is even now being called **"Great Leader,"** putting him on a similar level with Chairman Mao Zedong. Mao nearly destroyed China and was responsible for the deaths of countless Chinese and foreign missionaries.

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The article went on to report that party leaders are targeting poor areas where people of Christian faith who often display depictions of Christ and scripture sayings on their walls are being told that Jesus will not save them; instead, President Xi Jinping and the Party will. They are being pressured to take down the religious emblems and replace them



with a new picture of President Xi Jinping. Failure to do so will result in the forfeit of their "quota from the poverty-relief fund." According to the article, "The campaign has been running since March in Huangjinbu township, with more than 1,000 portraits of Xi distributed and hung in homes. Christians make up around one-third of the population there, with between 5,000 and 6,000 families... In August, officials also forcibly removed crosses in Yugan county, according to [Radio Free Asia](#), mirroring a similar campaign that took place in recent years in neighboring Zhejiang province... During his speech at the Chinese congress, Xi said religion must be guided by the Party to adapt to socialist society."

What does this mean? Xi Jinping is being elevated to a level not seen since the rise of Mao Zedong, China's first communist leader. It may foreshadow a return to

"one-man leadership" and greater persecution for Christians within China. It also may be an indication that working underground, as we have been doing in China for many years, will become even more dangerous for both those wishing to receive Bible training and those foreigners willing to provide it. We need to **pray and release God** to accomplish His will and to guide our steps as we endeavor to move forward in China.

Pastor Dan Dunn was in China this past November, completing semester two with our students. I have asked him to return in March to complete semester three, as I will be in Africa. Pastor Dan reported to me after his November trip that the leader we are working with has many contacts and locations where the CTC program is needed. At a time when it appears the persecution of Chinese Christians is likely to be on the rise, we are looking to expand our efforts. The missionary God used to open the door for us in China recently left after years of work, feeling it was time to get his family safely out. Please pray for our Chinese brothers and sisters in Christ and **release God to have his will in China** and to use us wherever possible.

"PEANUT CHURCH" EVANGELISM

Stephen Tambuli, our CTC director in Malawi, Africa, sent me a photo of a recent evangelistic effort being put forth by a CTC graduate who pastors the first Malawi church we built in Mbwana village. The place was packed with many Muslims seeking the truth as they watched the *Jesus* film. I plan to be there in March to meet with three pastors in Malawi and one in Mozambique. We are going to help them each build a permanent church for their growing congregations.



AFRICA GRADUATIONS



NAIROBI, KENYA 12-20-17

Year after year we see graduation after graduation coming out of the ministry of Rev. George Kurenji. Often each graduation opens the door to new locations where students are waiting to be trained.

Here are photos from four graduations held in December of 2017. We help support his family monthly, so he is free to travel and teach. Students are encouraged to contribute to help



KARATINA-NYERI, KENYA 12-31-17



IGUNGA, TANZANIA 12-23-17

with his travel expenses. At our last count, George was traveling to four countries and teaching in fourteen locations. It takes him about two years to graduate each new

group. Please pray for George and his family as they are doing a great work for God's Kingdom.



BOMET, KENYA 12-12-17

MALAWI VEHICLE

In the December newsletter, I gave you the opportunity to help us purchase a truck to enable Stephen Tambuli to get further into the bush areas without sacrificing his family car. We have found a dealer that can provide a good used truck that will help us

take the gospel deeper into Muslim areas. So far, we have raised about \$2000 of the \$10,000 that is needed. As I will be going there in March, I would really like to be able to get around without seeing Stephen ruin his family car. If you can help, mark your gift "truck."

A SERIOUS, SERIOUS, SERIOUS PRAYER REQUEST!!!!

In closing this report, I want to ask you to join me in prayer, **releasing God to have His way** in a very serious situation. I have in previous newsletters mentioned that we were working on getting copyright permissions to use the CTC material online. Twenty years ago, when we began this ministry, I compiled materials to use then contacted the people that I thought had the copyrights to our sources. Everyone responded in a positive manner, and we moved forward. Last March, I was invited to a meeting at LifeWay publisher in Nashville. They were interested in adding some of their resources to ours and marketing the CTC program. In the course of our conversation, they asked if I had copyright permission for borrowed material. I said, "Yes." Then I was asked, "Do you have intellectual rights?" I responded that I did not know that there was more than one type of copyright. That began a task of research to find out who had what rights, and then contacting authors and publishing companies to explain the situation. I asked for their partnership to enable us to continue and move forward with the online program. Almost everyone has been very gracious and helpful to us. We are now down to two publishers: **David C. Cook** and **Harper Collins**. We have borrowed a considerable amount of material from both. Though it has been months, we have yet to receive a decision from Harper Collins. However, David C. Cook, a "Christian" publisher, has three times denied us permission, telling us to pull their material from our program without any other option even though we have offered to pay a reasonable royalty. As a last resort, I have written to the CEO and the director of their global division, asking for a meeting in Colorado Springs to see if we can work this out. At this time, **01-13-18**, I have yet to hear from them. Please **pray asking God to release favor** to us, **bind powers of darkness**, and that **He would work His will** in this situation. **As always you are in my prayers, and thank you for standing with us. We serve an awesome God!**
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