Chinese Bible School

MONTHLY REPORT—August 2023

Dear Brethren, May this newsletter find you all in good health and spirits.

We are excited to announce that our next video recording sessions for the lessons on the book of *Philippians* are scheduled for the week of September 11. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to my wife, Yolanda, for her tireless efforts in reviewing and proofreading the manuscripts. These nine video lessons aim to provide a comprehensive understanding of the truth and offer practical applications in daily life. We are confident that these lessons will be of great benefit to those who seek to discover the secret of true joy in life.

Our weekly Bible study is in full swing, and we are currently delving into the book of *Philippians*. Participants in our online Bible study have the privilege of learning from this "joyful book" before the videos are recorded and made available online several months later. For over a year and a half, we have been using the Zoom Meeting App to conduct our Bible study sessions. However, we recently encountered challenges as attendees from certain areas of China were unable to access Zoom due to restrictions. It appears that the access to the Zoom Meeting App has been blocked, hindering the spread of the gospel once again (cf. 1 Thessalonians 2:18). Undaunted by this setback, I have had to use two apps simultaneously on my computer. One is Zoom Meeting, primarily for attendees outside of China, and the other is VooV Meeting, designed by Tencent Company in China and user-friendly for the people in China. We pray that the Word of God will continue to be shared and heard by the sincere souls in China.

We are delighted to share an inspiring story about a new convert in Shanghai, China. Madam Tsai, an elderly lady and the mother of brother Bob, who serves as a local preacher in Shanghai, was baptized into Christ on August 23. Her journey to faith was extraordinary. On May 21, she was rushed to the ICU due to subarachnoid hemorrhage, leading to a coma and vomiting. Thankfully, she was discharged from the hospital and sent to Shanghai to recuperate a month later. During her stay with brother Bob, he took the opportunity to teach her the Bible. In addition to their personal Bible studies and Sunday Bible lessons covering fundamental truths about the Bible, God, worship, becoming a Christian, and Christian life, Madam Tsai also watched several Chinese videos, including topics like Heaven, Hell, Where Do We Go When We Die, What Must I Do to Go To Heaven, and Jesus Christ Is the Son of God. After two months of study, she made the decision to be baptized into Christ.

Brother Bob expressed his gratitude, saying: "When my mom was pregnant with me, she was urged by the staff of the birth control office to abort me due to the one-child policy. We belonged to an ethnic minority, so couples were allowed to have two children. However, my mother already had two girls and one boy before me, so I was considered part of the 'over-born' population. My mom chose not to abort me but to hide me. Because of my birth, my parents were fined a certain amount of money, which was equivalent to a family's total income for a year at that time. My mom gave me physical life, and now I have had the privilege of bringing her the truth of spiritual life. I believe this is the best way to repay my mother's love.... I am thankful to my wife for being a wonderful daughter-in-law, honoring and caring for her mother-in-law, and actively sharing the gospel with her. I am grateful for God's grace and blessings in having a wife like her. Please join us in prayer for our Heavenly Father to continue strengthening my mom's health and spiritual growth."

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