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## A Kingdom Beyond Borders

By Daniel Su, COM President

In today's interconnected world, God's kingdom knows no borders. His Spirit moves freely, working in unexpected places and transforming lives across nations. As we minister among Chinese students, we see firsthand how God is using our ministry to make an impact beyond the American campuses where we place COM missionary staff members.

Jesus said in John 3:8, "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going..." No human authority or spiritual opposition can contain the movement of God's kingdom. Throughout history, earthly powers have tried to silence the gospel, yet the Spirit of God continues to advance, drawing people to Christ in the most unexpected places.

God's kingdom is established through the faithful witness of his people and the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. His kingdom spreads not by military might but through the gospel of peace, changing hearts and lives. We are not just reaching individuals; we're also joining God in his plan that cannot be stopped. We see Chinese scholars and students returning to China, where they become leaders in business, education, and research. They witness for the gospel in their workplaces and communities where God has placed them. Only time can tell their full impact.

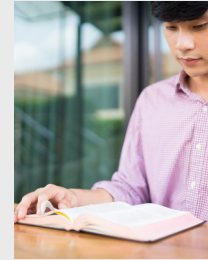
Your faithful support enables this ministry to grow and thrive. Together, we are partners in God's kingdom work. The articles in this issue testify to his blessings in the lives of those we serve. No human barriers, policies, or opposition can stand against his plan. His kingdom is advancing, and as we labor in faith, we have the privilege of witnessing his mighty work!

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## Loving Beyond Borders

When Chinese students and scholars leave the United States to return to China, our staff members and volunteers are often able to continue relationships with them across the miles. And God continues his good work!

### Ying, Pennsylvania

For the last four years, one of our dear volunteers, Evelyn, has offered a regular Zoom meeting for returnees in China to study the Bible with her. Some attend often and others occasionally, and God is giving spiritual growth. This year, one sister in the group was baptized in her church in China. What a wonderful thing it is! We can never imagine how God can accomplish His wonderful will through our little efforts.



### Bob

While visiting China last year, we had dinner one night with 12 Chinese friends. As we ate and talked, it opened a line of communication about God. One friend, Ling, eagerly shared with me about the "Bible as Culture" class she is teaching at the local college. Through the content, she is able to show students deep things of the gospel. Another friend, Farah, is the dean and knows what Ling is teaching.

As I read the questions and answers for one of the recent tests from the class, I replied, "Wow, these are great questions, but do the students know the meaning behind them?" Ling's quick response was, "Of course they do." So even in this difficult climate, these returnees find ways to share their faith. We do not need to be afraid, but instead, sensitive to the Lord's leading.

### Lee Yadav, Michigan

We had two visiting scholars who came to faith last summer, and I had the privilege of baptizing them. After returning to China, they began reaching out to students on their campus and have recently started connecting with other visiting scholars who have previously been in the United States.

Last month, they began reaching out to a scholar who had returned from a prestigious American university. He has been asking deep questions about the meaning of life. They asked me for guidance on how to engage with him, especially given the increasingly strict environment in academia, and it was my joy to share ideas with them for prayer and support.

### Erin Niedergall, Ohio

Meimei became a follower of Jesus a few years ago as a visiting scholar at our university. She and I meet by Zoom almost every week for discipleship, and we have continued a wonderful "sister" relationship. We are very close, and we also talk about many "life" things together and pray.

We have studied Philippians, John, and 1 Peter and have covered many topics like Christian disciplines, prayer, marriage, and living as a Christian wife with a non-Christian husband. Meimei is a growing believer and has had opportunities as an English teacher to share parts of her faith. She also shares with her husband and close friends. She loves Jesus so much and truly desires to live her life for him! It's been a wonderful gift for me to be a part of our God journey ... I thank God so much!

### A Campus Staff Member, Southeast

When I visited China recently, it was a month filled with encouragement—both given and received—with hard-working sisters and brothers serving Christ and with incredibly generous host friends. One scholar teaching in a very restricted environment shared, "Spending quality time with you, talking, encouraging, and praying together—felt like a glimpse of heaven. Now I have more strength to continue this journey."

# Where Is God Planting You?

By Bob, a COM campus staff member

*“The best place to live is where God wants us to be, doing what he intends for us to do.”*

When Yan came to America as a student, she stayed with one of our staff members who lived in a mission house at a local church. Through dinners, events, and Bible studies in the house, Yan observed how to serve selflessly in both good and difficult times. She eventually became a Christian and was baptized.

Yan had already been helping in the mission activities, but when she became a Christ follower she began to serve with purpose. She trained through experience and was disciplined and began reading through her Bible every year. God had put in her a serving, loving heart that grew and blossomed as a new believer.

## Returning to China

After years in America, Yan's grandfather became ill, so she returned to her hometown in China. As Yan shared the gospel with him, he accepted the Lord on his deathbed. Her grandmother, a long-time Buddhist, was there listening.

Her grandma began to observe Yan's new life and genuine love,

and ten years later, she also came to Christ. “Now she has a personal relationship with God,” Yan says. “She has learned to talk to him and seek his help. We even sing songs together, and it's lovely!”

When I visited Yan in China last year, she encouraged me in the ways that God is working in her life. Yan attends an unregistered church of around 100 people, and they often open their homes to other sisters in Christ. In recent years, the government has shut down their church twice, and they never know when it may be closed again.

## Sharing Christ Beyond Borders

Yan has also been taking missionary trips to another Asian country and said that God's Spirit is “on fire” there with many coming to know Jesus. One of the sisters decided to stay in this foreign country to work full-time serving the Lord. In their mission work, the women do street evangelism and sing Christian songs outside the Buddhist temple. They share the gospel with those who stop to listen. She pointed at a man in one of her photos and excitedly



shared that he had accepted Jesus! God is at work in these former students who came to faith in America and are now sharing their faith in China and beyond. Yan says, “We have to do this work . . . Jesus is coming back soon, and we feel the urgency to share the gospel. We are now at an age when we are facing serious challenges in our lives, but God has strengthened our faith! We are all older now, and there is not much time left.”

In her second mission trip, Yan says, “I met villagers who walked for two hours to join the Saturday worship gathering and then climbed three hours uphill to go home. Their hearts are so pure.” She says meeting local missionaries from Australia, Fiji, America, Europe, and Africa was also “mind-changing” for her. She observed their faithful service in the local communities, hearing them passionately talk about their vision for this part of Asia one day becoming a nation that sends out missionaries—a dream which is already starting to happen.

“Their example caused me to think,” Yan says, “the best place to live is where God wants us to be, doing what he intends for us to do.”

## Ready for Where God Leads

I had the privilege of listening to Yan for over an hour as she shared so many amazing things. At the end, I prayed and asked if she thought God was calling her to full-time ministry. She said she hadn't thought about it like that—she is committed to doing God's work where she is, and she is praying about other ministry opportunities in this place where God has planted her.

Let's continue to pray for Yan and our other brothers and sisters in China—for protection, wisdom, and boldness as they do the work of evangelists. We can only imagine how God may direct their steps—and ours. I leave you with this heart-searching question: Where is God planting you?



# CROSSING BORDERS

## VISITS TO RETURNEES IN CHINA

COM staff members occasionally have special opportunities to visit their friends in China and nearby Asian countries. These times of reconnecting are often significant in deepening relationships and continuing a journey of discipleship.

### WHEN GOD CONNECTS THE DOTS

By Duane and Jodi

A few months ago we traveled to China to visit more than 40 returnees. This was our fourth trip to China since joining COM in 2010.

During our stop in one large, modern city, we met up with our friend, Li, a young urban professional. Li is not a Christian, though he is very interested in the claims of Christ. He took us to a historic church downtown to help us see the "religious" side of China. Inside this beautiful building were amazing stained glass art depictions of the "stations of the cross." We were able to share the gospel with him through these representations of the suffering that Christ went through on behalf of all mankind.

After our church tour, we enjoyed a group lunch with Li and several other



old friends. Tai, an older scholar who is a Christian, met Li for the first time. Our two friends found that they have several interests in common, and towards the end of the time together they exchanged contact information and committed to getting together regularly. Tai is picking up where we left off with Li, what a blessing!

As a bonus, Tai's wife, who is a seeker, met a younger lady in the group who is a Christian. They talked of getting together regularly for exercise classes. Pray that these connections will go in a direction that results in God's kingdom being enlarged!

While in the city we also visited Jax, a research scholar we were privileged to get to know while he lived in our home for a time in the United States. After returning to China, Jax became incredibly busy with several start-up companies, and he is a successful

businessman now. His hectic schedule has prevented us from staying in regular contact, so we were thankful to reconnect with him on this visit.

We let Jax choose between several wrapped gifts (as we did for many others with whom we met)—a small, personalized plaque. His plaque was engraved: Take Rest: A field that has rested gives a beautiful crop. —by Ovid. As Jax read this, he exclaimed, "Oh, this is a message from God to me!" We all felt his random choice of this message was led by the Holy Spirit!

### CHRISTMAS BEYOND BORDERS

By Pauline

On a recent trip to Singapore, I had the pleasure of inviting nine Chinese friends to celebrate Christmas with me! This reunion included returnees who had been students or scholars in the United States, along with mothers and friends of some.

My local church in Singapore—also a partner in my ministry—organizes an annual Christmas carnival, dinner, and rally. This event provided the occasion to gather with total freedom to worship God together. Of the friends who came, seven are believers, and some have been in a weekly online Bible study with me for four years. Two are seekers, university professors who have a great desire to know Jesus Christ.

During this trip, these friends felt the kindness of Christian hospitality. I witnessed a fruitful harvest with the two seekers and great encouragement for the seven believers.

I am going to see these friends again soon in China. Please pray for God's protection and for fruitful and wonderful interaction with saved and unsaved friends.





# CROSSING BORDERS

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## WHEN GOD CONNECTS THE DOTS

By Jack

During a 25-day trip last fall, I had the joy of visiting returnees in ten cities. These were friends I had first met through our ministry at the American university in our city. Now they are living in mainland China and Hong Kong as prominent educators, researchers, and leaders. I'll highlight a few stories from the trip.

In one large city, seven of the returnees I visited are Christians. Some of them worship in unregistered churches, and some are not attending church at all. One husband and wife, both highly educated and credentialed in their fields, homeschool their children with a Christian curriculum.

Traveling further, I stayed in the home of another couple, a leading college professor and a business executive. I gave the wife a Christian book about miracles, and she almost finished reading it before I left. She is very interested in spiritual things.

In yet another city, an old friend, a college professor, accompanied me for most of my time there. She often joins our online meetings and is an avid



Bible study participant. I asked about her convictions, and she still insists on her belief in atheistic materialism.

My last stop was Hong Kong, where Pastor and Mrs. Lee are planting a church for Chinese migrants. Presently, approximately 100,000 people emigrate from China into Hong Kong each year. In their church planting efforts, the Lees seek coworkers who can come to Hong Kong on visitor visas and stay for a few months.

Pastor and Mrs. Lee are both former journalists, and she studied in a prestigious American university. While in the United States, she attended our weekly Bible studies and many other activities, and she became a Christian.

When she returned to China, she married Pastor Lee, and they began a daily internet ministry for Chinese believers and non-believers that reaches millions of people.

Mrs. Lee has had serious brain cancer for years, requiring regular treatment. The doctors are baffled by her response to the treatment, as she has lived with the tumor comfortably since she was diagnosed. She considers this a miracle from God.



**GLORY TO GOD FOR HIS WORK IN THE LIVES OF THESE FRIENDS, AND PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM!**







# MINISTERING TO RETURNEES IN CHINA

By Ying Deng, a COM campus staff member

Many international students, scholars, and family members come to know the gospel while in the United States, but when they return to China, they face new challenges to their faith. The outcomes differ, depending on life circumstances and the spiritual support they find.

Lee prayed to accept Jesus while he was part of our university community here. He was baptized when he returned to China, and he joined our Zoom Bible study. He has continued to grow spiritually and is now the lead brother in the group. He coordinates the meetings, helps to lead the study, and always prays for the people in the group.

Another friend, Xiumei, also came to know God while in America. A friend introduced her to a house church in China, which she attended a few times. However, she found the atmosphere very different from American churches, and the pastor's sermons were harder to understand. Additionally, the commute took an hour each way. As work got busier, she eventually stopped attending services.

These kinds of stories are common among returnees. Struggles we often see with our brothers and sisters in China include:

**Spiritual immaturity.** Many returnees spent only a year as visiting scholars in the United States, where they gained only a basic understanding of Jesus and Christianity. Some have merely prayed to accept Jesus and have just been baptized, and they need discipleship support.

**Cultural differences between churches in China and the United States.** Unfamiliarity with the practices of the church in China makes it difficult for many returnees to adapt to local churches. Additionally, underdeveloped leadership structures and a lack of well-trained pastors affect many churches.

**The pressure of a busy life.** Chinese society values busyness, resulting in immense stress in work, daily life, and their children's education. These burdens leave them with little time or energy to participate in fellowship.

**Political factors.** Many returnees fear losing their jobs or income due to their faith. Some do not dare to openly practice their faith. Some even avoid online Christian learning due to concerns about persecution.

## How Can We Love Our Brothers and Sisters in China?

- **Pray for returnees,** asking the Lord to guide and support them.
- **Maintain one-to-one relationships,** using phone calls or video chats to continue mentoring and caring for them.
- **Provide online Bible study groups** and invite them to participate for spiritual nourishment.

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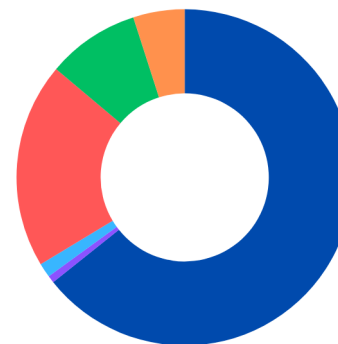
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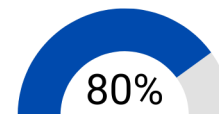
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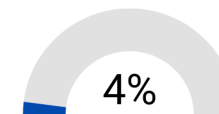
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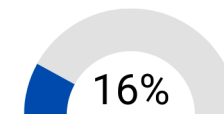
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