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Who's Really Listening? It's Not Google.

By Daniel Su, President

God listens—infinately better than Google does. Prayer is a vital link connecting us to God the Father.

Knowing that God answers our prayers motivates us to deepen our prayer life—not just for our personal needs but for the flourishing of our ministries.

Throughout Scripture, we see God calling us to pray. Jesus said in Matthew 7:7, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” His words encapsulate prayer as a divine channel through which God’s blessings flow. Through prayer, we receive his guidance, provision, and intervention.

E.M. Bounds famously said, “Prayer is where the action is.” It is not merely a ritual; it activates God’s divine power. When we pray, we are not just asking for things; we’re participating in the unfolding of his plans. In this **IMPACT** issue, you’ll read stories of how God hears our prayers.

So we hold onto the promise in 1 John 5:14: “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.” We can therefore draw near to his throne of grace boldly, knowing that God delights in us coming to him in prayer.

Moreover, “prayer is the most concrete way to love others,” as John Piper has said. When we pray, we engage in a labor of love, allowing God to work through our prayers to bless others.

I invite you to join us in this labor of love.

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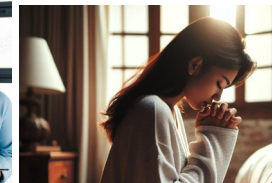
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Celebrating God’s Mighty Hand at Work

Our campus staffers are seeing God answer prayers in amazing ways. Here are some praise reports from our university communities.



Absolutely Amazing!

We had 10 Chinese students attend a Vision conference where we engaged in spiritual conversations to explore God, the Bible, and what we believe.

— Casey Liu, Florida

"Of the 40 Chinese students at our Welcome Picnic, many have attended our fall events, and we've been able to enjoy ongoing contact!"

—Tom and Kathy Lindstrom, Minnesota

God's Loving Care

I walked alongside a Christian PhD student who suffered severely from depression. Now fully recovered, she has become a faithful volunteer for our campus fellowship. My prayer partners and I have been praying for student volunteers, and God truly has answered our prayers!

—Merlyne Wu, Pennsylvania



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Campus Ministry in the Last School Year

Approximately **5,000** Chinese individuals were exposed to at least part of the gospel.

More than **200** professed faith!

On my way to the university for the first time, I kept praying, asking God to let me meet at least one Chinese student. During my walk across campus, I met a female student from my hometown in China!

Mei was very talkative and happy to meet me. When I told her I was a missionary, she said she'd had some Christian friends before, but she wasn't clear about the true gospel. So, I invited her to sit down and talk. I spent half an hour explaining the full gospel to her, and after I finished, I invited her to accept Jesus. She earnestly agreed, so I led her in prayer.

A few days later, I introduced Mei to the Chinese Christian group on campus and accompanied her to several gatherings. Now she is attending Sunday services at a Chinese church and has begun studying essential doctrines. I've continued to stay in touch with her as well.

—A Campus Staff Member in the Southeast Area

"I've encountered several divine appointments on campus prayer walks and visits. "

—Anna Seeger, Washington State

God’s Mighty Hand at Work, continued

One student with a Buddhist background had been attending our fellowship and asking challenging questions. When we prayed for his needs and the prayers were answered, he began to ask if the blessings were coming from God or Buddha. We explained our faith and kept praying for him.

This student had believed in a vague god he thought was Buddha, but after some time, he came to realize that Jesus Christ is God. I invited him to commit himself to Jesus, and he agreed! People worship some gods they do not really know, but we worship the true God we know, and he is Jesus Christ.

—Eddy, Texas

Co-workers and I have an online Bible study with professors in China. One professor has had a medical issue for several years, but the doctors have not been able to determine the cause. After some time praying together, test results showed that her condition is the best it has been in four years even though she hadn’t used other medicines.

—Glenn Kenadjian, Florida



“We had student volunteers join us, allowing us to reserve rooms on campus for Bible study.”

—Fangying Nong, Pennsylvania



“We have prayed for one brother who is in critical health condition and God saved his life.”

—Anna Cai, Illinois

Our Chinese friend was let go by her employer, and she had to find a new job. She was so desperate she finally tried praying to God to help her. A few days later, another member of our team referred her to a job, and she got the offer! When she came back from the interview, she told us she wanted to become a Christian. It was a miracle of God helping her and giving her faith.

—A Campus Staff Member, Texas



He Works in Mysterious Ways

A student who is a nonbeliever introduced me to a couple at the university, saying “they need Jesus.” After meeting with the wife for two months, she became a Christian.

—A Campus Staff Member in the West Coast Area

Young associates are taking over significant areas of responsibility. This is something we’ve been asking God for, and He’s faithfully answered our prayers in BIG ways! This group is the next generation of leaders who undoubtedly will lead this local ministry in new and relevant directions for the next 40 years!

—Jodi Decker, Oregon

When Fear Vanished

By a Chinese Student in the Northwest Area

For nearly five years, I studied the Bible, yet I remained a staunch atheist, firmly disbelieving in any supernatural beings.

My journey to faith began unexpectedly when I came to the United States several years ago. Ms. Love, a kind-hearted Christian, picked me up from the airport and warmly invited me to participate in Bible study sessions at a nearby church. Additionally, I began weekly studies with Duane in a local Christian group.

Initially, I viewed these gatherings as opportunities to learn about local culture and improve my English.

Week after week, I sat among believers, wrestling with unfamiliar concepts like the Trinity, the crucifixion, and revelation. These teachings clashed with my deeply rooted atheism, causing me to question the ideologies instilled by my upbringing. Yet, over time, my skepticism gave way to a growing faith in Jesus Christ.

However, it wasn't until I returned to China for two years and later came back to the United States that I truly encountered God's power.

My wife and I lived in the old house of my Bible study teacher's father. The second floor was filled with clutter, making it a little eerie. One night, I had to go upstairs in the dark. Suddenly, an overwhelming sense of fear and coldness gripped me. I was terrified and shaking, something I had never experienced before.

In that moment, I turned to prayer. I asked God to protect me, and miraculously, the fear vanished. I felt an incredible peace, as though nothing could harm me. From then on, even though I still felt uneasy in the dark, I knew that God would protect me whenever I prayed to Him. This experience deeply strengthened my faith, showing me the power of prayer and God's presence in my life.

Last spring, after we had gained a deep understanding of what being a Christian and baptism truly mean, my wife and I were baptized together at our local church. It was a profound and humbling moment for us, symbolizing our commitment to God and marking a new chapter in our journey of faith. Standing together, surrounded by our church family, we felt an overwhelming sense of peace and joy, knowing that our lives were now anchored in God's love and guidance.



Since becoming a Christian, my life and mindset have undergone a profound transformation. Whenever I face difficult decisions or uncertainty, I ask myself, "What would Jesus do?" This question has helped guide me through countless situations.

When I was learning to drive, I would pray for safety before every lesson. After I got my driver's license, I began teaching my wife to drive, and we continued to pray together before each session. Under God's protection, we learned to drive without any accidents.

When we first arrived in the United States, we couldn't afford a car. But God knew our needs. A Christian couple generously gave us a van they no longer needed, and I firmly believe this was God's provision and blessing.

Prayer has now become an integral part of our daily lives. Whether we're preparing for exams, looking for jobs, or facing life's challenges, we pray. Not all our prayers are answered immediately, but we trust that God hears them. Sometimes, what we pray for may not be what we truly need, or it may not be the right time. We believe that God has a plan, and His timing is perfect.

We are also more active in our church fellowship. We believe that as a couple, we are part of the body of Christ, and our connection with our brothers and sisters in Christ is vital to our spiritual growth. Through these fellowships, we've met more Christians and others who have yet to accept Jesus, giving us opportunities to share the gospel. I have learned that faith is not just about what happens on the outside. It's about a deep, internal change—a trust in God's plan, no matter the circumstances. My wife and I continue to grow in our faith together, knowing that we are never alone. With God's guidance and protection, we face life's uncertainties with courage and hope.

His Ways Are Higher

By Tara Miller, *IMPACT* Editor

For campus teams across the country, prayer is foundational to all the work of ministry. Li and Qiang, staff members in the North Central Area, remind us that prayer comes first. “Prayer is the most important thing, whenever we do anything,” Li says. “Prayer can help us understand God’s will more, work with the Lord better, and help more people know God.”

The North Central Area staff members meet regularly by Zoom, and together they pray for people’s salvation. Sometimes Qiang asks God to reveal himself supernaturally, in ways that could not be mistaken for human effort. Li and Qiang are encouraged knowing that volunteers, ministry partners, church members, and other staff members are praying too.

Li and Qiang also pray with students and scholars individually and in their group meetings. And God answers, sometimes in unexpected ways.

One unbelieving student, Ping, was going through a period of great stress recently. When the group leaders



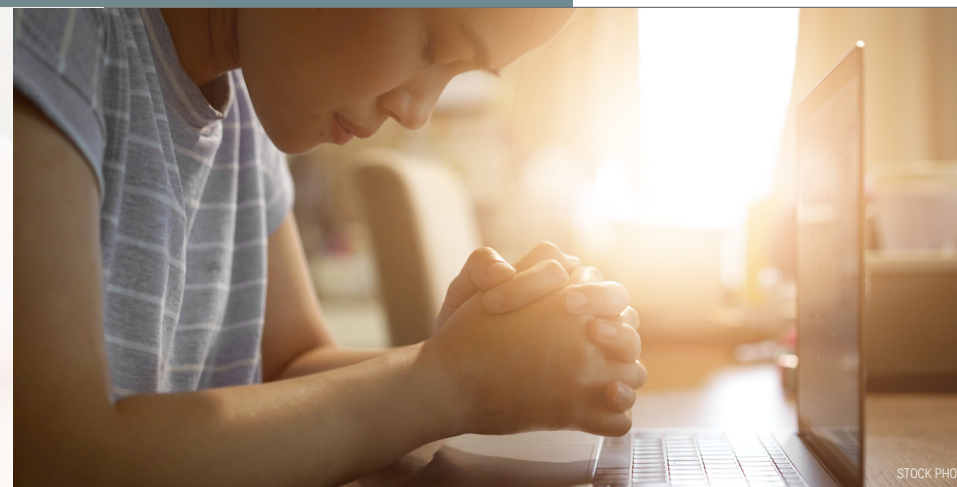
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prayed for him, he experienced supernatural peace.

In another amazing moment last fall, Qiang led two scholars at one time to accept Jesus! Wei and Bo attended Qiang’s Bible study together one day as the group was going through the Gospel of John. Wei was a regular attendee, but Bo was not. Qiang remembers, “I could feel the flow of the Holy Spirit as we talked.” When he asked Wei and Bo if they were ready to trust in Jesus, both said yes and prayed for salvation.

Answers are not always so immediate, though.

In another circumstance, Li and Qiang prayed for a scholar’s daughter who often wakes up during the night, sometimes with nightmares. After the first prayer, she was notably better, but since then her condition has been back and forth.



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“Prayer is the most important thing, whenever we do anything.”

Is God real?—This is the question that troubled Li and Qiang’s scholar friend, Chao.

Chao’s family accompanied Li and Qiang on a visit to meet with COM staff members from different parts of the country. A fellow worker shared the gospel, planting more seeds in their hearts.

The family began to attend Bible study and Sunday services. They participated in an Easter event and two gospel camps. During this time, the Holy Spirit was working. Little by little, Chao was attracted to Jesus.

Finally, at a gospel camp last fall, a probing question from the event speaker turned Chao’s heart. “I am so touched,” he shared with them. “My belief doesn’t depend on magic.” Li and Qiang realized that God did not have to answer their prayers for Chao’s daughter in a dramatic way for Chao to believe. God worked in a different way, assuring the family of his love in the midst of their difficulty.

God is at work in people’s hearts, accomplishing his purposes. As God reassures us in Isaiah 55:9, “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Praying for Our Chinese Friends

By Casey Liu, Southeast Area

Having lived in the United States for 15 years and having served Chinese students and scholars for 11 years, I've seen many Chinese friends struggle with faith exploration.

For instance, Becky has attended our Bible study for several years but has often grappled with belief. During our small group fellowship, she would sometimes hold my hands and say, "Don't give up on me. I really want to believe it, but I just can't right now." She was waiting for God to give her a miracle or speak to her directly.

Similarly, Paul and his wife, Sunny, who were baptized six months ago, still struggle with how to tell their parents about their new lives in Christ.

From these stories and many like them, I see four key challenges our Chinese friends face on their journey toward faith.

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First, there are often emotional difficulties. Many face language barriers, lifestyle and food differences, and the loneliness of being far from home. This pressure makes them more cautious, and they tend to seek something familiar and stable for emotional support.

Second, intellectual challenges arise from limited knowledge of Christianity. Many students have had little or no exposure to Christian beliefs and history. When they attempt to understand these concepts, they often need to overcome preconceived notions or a non-religious mindset.

The third challenge has to do with the spiritual, especially in the shift of belief. For Chinese students who have grown up with atheism or Confucian philosophies, accepting an unseen God can be daunting. They may wrestle with reconciling their new faith with their existing value systems.

Finally, relational barriers cannot be overlooked. Following Jesus may mean departing from family traditions or cultural expectations, which is a particularly sensitive issue in Chinese culture. Many students fear causing family conflict or worry that their relationships with family and friends might be negatively impacted.

Please pray for Chinese students and scholars, that these challenges may also provide opportunities for deep reflection and that God will guide them in overcoming barriers.

Practical Tips

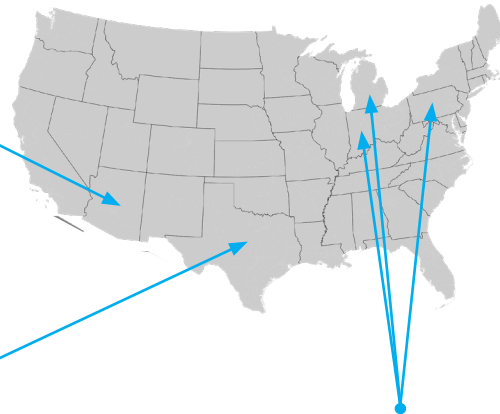
- Build friendships, share meals, and invite Chinese friends to activities like cooking together. Help them adjust by assisting with everyday matters.
- Invite them to experience American traditions or group activities, naturally sharing faith along the way, so they can feel cared for and accepted.
- Give them opportunities to share their thoughts, and patiently listen. Show genuine care for their ideas, rather than just trying to preach to them.
- In everything, pray!

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Welcome!

Marmda Sun, Arizona

A recent college graduate, Marmda now joins the COM campus team in Tucson. While completing his university studies in the United States, Marmda has served as a volunteer in local campus ministry mobilizing Asian-American Christians.



Vivian Yang, Texas

Having recently completed an M.A. in Christian Studies, Vivian joins the COM team in Dallas. While completing her seminary studies, she served with a Chinese-American Christian collaborative ministry. Before coming to the United States, Vivian worked in healthcare and sciences.

We have also recently welcomed **four new affiliates** to campus ministry teams in Indiana, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.

Thank you for praying for all these new workers!

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God Answers Through His People

By Kirk Zuercher, Director of Development

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We serve a great God who answers prayers, sometimes even more than we ask. Last fall, our Leadership Team sought funding for the start-up of a new development initiative. Prayerfully, we submitted a proposal for ministry support to a charitable foundation.

Not only did the foundation grant what we asked, but they blessed us with three times the amount. What a tremendous answer to prayer that allows us to do more than we had imagined!

God is similarly at work in funding our campus staff teams. Recently, we

heard from one of our missionaries that "God provided exactly the amount I had prayed for," including a gift from a new ministry partner who three weeks before could not give due to other commitments.

Another missionary reported, "My biggest concern about our planned outreach events was whether we had sufficient funds to support our efforts. Thankfully, the Lord faithfully provided for all our needs. Our team successfully executed all the events, and we have connected with more than 700 students."

Thank you for faithfully praying and giving to reach more students and scholars with the love of Jesus Christ. It is awesome to see how God provides through his people.

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3000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas

WASHINGTON, DC

Friday, March 28

Doors Open at 6:45 and Dinner Served at 7:20
Fairview Park Marriott
3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, Virginia

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Thursday, April 3

Doors Open at 6:00 and Dinner Served at 6:30
Sheraton Hotel
Swatara Exit, I-283, Harrisburg

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Monday, April 14

Doors Open at 6:00 and Dinner Served at 6:30
Hartville Kitchen
1015 Edison Street, NW, Hartville

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Tuesday, April 15

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