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MISSIONARIES TO COMMUNIST CHINA

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Pastor Jim Humble and Metro Baptist Church,

“For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.” – Ecc. 1:18

In our supposed modern society, many tend to scoff at the Bible's warning to have no other gods or idols. It is assumed, since we do not carry around a clay figurine or bow to a stone statue, that these scriptures somehow do not apply to our age. Yet, as we persist in our consumption of all things modern and waste the substance of our life for the pleasures of this world, we bare all the marks of a society captivated by idols. As I was riding the subway last week, I noted a sign hanging on all the entry-ways; it read, “In Education We Trust.” Like many countries, China as a whole is consumed by a lust for education and knowledge. In witnessing, the Gospel is often refused on the grounds that China, because of Communism, is considered an atheistic nation. They claim that “educated individuals have no time for faith” - this philosophy resounds with the unsaved mentality predominate in most countries. Even from the beginning we know that the tactic used by Satan to ensnare Adam and Eve was the promise of “knowledge” to discern good and evil. They were lured away by vain, selfish motives to “know” more. Last week, while passing through the University hallways, one of the teachers grabbed my arm and asked me to help him understand something. He had a Chinese Bible open to Ecclesiastes 1:18 and was puzzled by the passage, especially by Solomon's statement that knowledge and wisdom could leave a man so hopeless. The teacher (Zhang Tao) is only 26 years old and has already obtained his doctorate in Ancient Chinese Prose and is almost finished with a secondary doctorate in Chinese History. He looked at me, and with what seemed to be worry, said, “Is there no hope in knowledge?” I responded that Solomon had much knowledge, but had forgotten the most important thing he could ever learn, and that is to know the Lord God. I showed him Proverbs 30:3 and 4 and asked him to answer some questions. I asked, “Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?” He responded, “Who can know these things?” I replied, “No one, except the One of Whom the verses speak.” He grinned and said, “You mean Jesus.” I told him that he could spend a lifetime studying and pursuing wisdom and knowledge but until he gained understanding of Jesus Christ and placed his trust in Him, he would be as unfulfilled and as hopeless as Solomon was. Please pray for Zhang Tao. I hope in the future the Lord will grant me an opportunity to witness to him again.

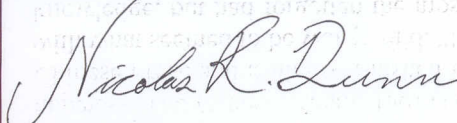
Updates

As I write this letter, our family is under the weather enduring the seasonal fall sickness that seems to hit each year. Despite the sickness, we are all doing well and are looking forward to the winter months that lie ahead. Michaela and the baby are doing well, however she is experiencing severe morning sickness similar to our first child's tenure in the womb. Michaela had supposed from the beginning that she was carrying a girl and as of yesterday she has been proven correct. We have also enjoyed the presence of my younger brother with us in China. He has been planning since last year to come to China for his senior missions trip in hopes to see a mission field as well as learn the discipline needed to study another language.

This week also ends the semester of Systematic Theology that I have been teaching. We are so thankful that the Lord has continually kept us in His favor and grace in allowing us to do so much while here. Next week we will also be finished with the final pass through the Chinese Bible. The final stage will be formatting and preparing for print. We are truly excited about this reprint and pray that God will grant us speed and efficiency as we near its completion. Know that we are honored to be your representatives to the Orient, and thank God upon every remembrance of you all. I trust God is blessing you as you labor for Him.

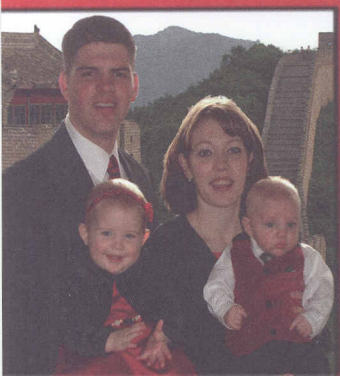
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“...and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.” Is. 52:10



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- ★ Missions work in China
- ★ A Holy Spirit opening of China
- ★ Language studies
- ★ Safety from the eyes of the government
- ★ Souls saved and lives changed

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