

# Care Chinese Ministers Movement

Show your LOVE - spread blessings NOW!

*For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat;  
I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink;  
I was a stranger, and ye took me in.  
(Matt 25:35)*

## Introduction

Phenomenal revivals came upon the Chinese churches in the last 30 years. The number of believers rose from 70 thousand to at least 70 million. It is our belief that God himself has blessed the churches with these souls. There are now some one million preachers in China, each taking care of 2 to 3 churches. For years, they have been diligently spreading the gospel and faithfully tending to their sheep.

## Current situation of Chinese churches

To compute the exact population figure of Chinese Christians is highly difficult. From official statistics and information supplied by the house churches, we believe that the present number of Christians in China ranges from 70 million to 100 million. Since China implemented her open-door and reformation policies, her Christian population has soared a hundred fold. Today, China is one of the top countries with the highest Christian population. Meanwhile, Chinese Christians are getting younger, hence the churches becoming more vibrant. The believers are zealous to spread the gospel, readying themselves to be messengers of peace for God's Kingdom.

## 85% of believers from countryside and second-line cities

Some 15% of the Chinese believers reside in first-line cities like Beijing and Shanghai. The remainder is found in lesser cities, townships and villages characterized by remoteness, poverty and backwardness. Literacy is comparatively low and the younger generation has only acquired primary and junior high school education on average. The people make their living mainly as farmers and laborers. Due to communication difficulties, the people there seldom travel outside their village. Without visitors from the outside, they are practically deprived of any contact with the outside world.

## 60% of believers need supply of Bibles and spiritual books

Since China opened her doors to the outside world, the Nanjing-based Amity Foundation (NAF), who is in-charge of Bible and Christian Publications, has published more than 40 million copies of the Bible. However, together with the free Bibles supplied to China by other overseas organizations and churches, the number still fell short of the needs of the Chinese believers. The NAF does not publish a lot of Christian literature in terms of variety & quantity. The Chinese Government also restricts imports of religious publications. Basically, Chinese Christians can only purchase books at the official Church that have been approved to publish by the Chinese Government and to print inside China, unlike we outside China, that we can purchase any book at any book store. Therefore it is very difficult for them to obtain other spiritual books and reference materials. The Chinese believers hunger after spiritual books but do not know where to get them.

## 45% of churches in financial difficulty

China is a developing nation with a wide gap in wealth distribution between urban and rural areas. The financial position of some house churches has improved but many stay poor. These churches lack funds to develop ministries and they continue to hold meetings

in overcrowded rooms while their co-workers just manage to meet their basic needs. A number of believers desire to enter full-time ministry but their churches are unable to support them financially.

### **85% of church workers lack Bible school training**

There are 18 official Christian seminaries and Bible schools in China. They add up to a 'drop in the ocean' of needs for 100 million believers. Among China's full-time church workers, less than 1% have completed a 3-year theological qualification. Some have one year of training, others just three months. Those with one week to one month of training comprise 85% of China's church workers. It is not that they are reluctant to undergo training. The chance is simply not there, hence the urgency to carry out this difficult and long-term task of educating these workers.

### **94% of churches rarely have overseas visitors**

The Lord Jesus has touched the hearts of the overseas body of Christ to care for the Chinese churches. They give financially, pray and keep watch over the Chinese brethren. Some have even traveled a long way to bring words of encouragement and blessings to the churches, touching them with the love of Jesus. Still, many more are in need of concern and consolation from the body of Christ. They need to know that many people outside China do care for them.

Who has shown them concern? Who has upheld them with prayer? Pastor Dennis and our ministry team have been doing just that for the last 30 years. We visited numerous Chinese cities, towns and villages and entered countless houses to bring comfort and encouragement to these unsung gospel workers. Such visits by fellow co-workers let our friends know that they are not serving Christ alone.

### **Doing it onto the brethren is doing it onto Jesus**

The development and expansion of Chinese churches has been made possible by the grace of Jesus and the devotion of the Chinese church leaders. Today, the mainland brethren continue to yearn for encouragement and support of churches abroad. To pursue the gospel work, they require spiritual care, theological training and the supply of Bibles and other spiritual materials.

### **Testimony**

Our co-workers do their frequent rounds among mainland churches, conducting training for the believers. Once we were in a Jiangsu church doing a 5-day intensive course, challenging the participants to persevere in their ministries under whatever circumstances. Among them was a preacher who was considering giving up, under pressure from family and society, despite years in the ministry. Our encouragement helped renew his faith and strength. His church has now been revitalized and has a membership of 2000, previously there were only 200.

Indeed, a small word of concern and a little measure of care do wonders for the recipients. Let's show our love in action to these mainland brothers and sisters.

Jesus says: "...just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of My family, you did it to Me." To show our care for the needy we must show our love for Jesus and the things He is concerned with.

## ***Show your care, start with your action!***

We see the needs of the Chinese churches and wish the body of Christ worldwide to care for the mainland preachers. We initiated the Care Chinese Ministers Movement hoping that, through it, you'll bring your care and blessings to the Chinese gospel workers.

### **Our Target: 100,000 blessings**

Since the start of this project 3 months ago, until now we have received more than 400 signed cards globally! We intend to deliver 100,000 CCMM cards together with the books to 100,000 Chinese preachers. Such a huge project will surely call for your participation!

### ***What you need to do is just to:***

1. Step 1  
Order one CCMM card from three of the designs on our website [www.care.rcmi.ac](http://www.care.rcmi.ac), or colour the blank card in the little red booklet that is attached with this newsletter.
2. Step 2  
Write or draw your greetings on the card and please remember to sign it!
3. Step 3  
Enclose your love offering with the card and then mail it to your nearest RCMI office.  
(The offering will go toward financing the delivery of Bibles/spiritual books and supporting Chinese church leaders.)

Lastly

We will deliver your CCMM card together with a Bible and 2 spiritual books to the Chinese church leaders

\*For information of how to response to this need, pleaser refer to the little red booklet that is attached with this issue of newsletter.

***Thank you for participating and supporting this project! God bless!***



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