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Our dear Prayer Supporter,

In these days of political correctness—as our children are exposed to comparative religion classes which teach them to be tolerant to all religions—many a Christian is fearful to boldly identify with the cause of Christ or is intimidated into silence rather than to speak the name of Jesus.

Yes, we can deny the Lord Jesus Christ by our life or we can deny Him by our lip. Sadly, we can also betray the Lord Jesus by our life-style or deny Him by our silence—silence that springs from the fear of being intimidated or rejected.

Are we the soldiers of the cross,
The followers of the Lamb?
Then should we fear to own His cause,
Or blush to speak His name? -Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Soul-winning is being the right person at the right time in the right place talking to the right person about Jesus. That is why each day should begin with our prayerful availability to the indwelling Christ. “Conservatism, self-consciousness and snobbishness are fatal in the work of soul-winning. Nothing less than the outliving of the indwelling attractiveness of the Lord Jesus will succeed in personal evangelism. If we would win some we must be winsome.” -Stephen F. Olford

In the past weeks we have traveled for both ministry and medical reasons. Praise God, several people have been born again *en route*! One of these divine appointments was as we met an airlines assistant at a busy baggage claim area. Our luggage was jammed in the carousel. This gave Dorothy an opportunity to compassionately listen as she shared her complexities of life. Of course, this conversation led to the center of our lives—the Lord Jesus Christ! As a result the young lady insisted on helping us with our luggage and accompanied us to a queue awaiting further transportation. This was our opportunity to share John 1:12 (the verse by which I had personally encountered the Lord Jesus). With people both in front and behind, the three of us bowed our heads in prayer and our new friend joyfully received the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior. Of course she left happily with a copy of *Your Quest for God*!

The late General Booth (Salvation Army Founder) was quoted as saying that he would like each of his candidates to spend 24 hours in hell as the chief part of their soul-winning training. Only then would they be able to accept the sacrifice of winning of the lost.

O for a passionate passion for souls; O for a pity that yearns;
O for a love that loves unto death; O for a heart that burns!
- Amy Wilson Carmichael

Please join us and also make this your prayer for 2010 with its limitless possibilities.

Thankfully, in His love,

Praise and Prayer

- For your gifts which enable us to broadcast in Arabic to a potential listening audience of 230 million people in the Middle East and North Africa! Each month CCIM is committed to pay for these broadcasts and to provide CD's and books to be distributed in “restricted areas.”
- For testimonies received of blessings as a result of “Dorothy’s Daily Devotional” ministry extending to every part of Kenya. This is the result of radio time that you enable CCIM to purchase from Kenya Broadcasting Corporation. Also, for news of increasing numbers of people who are responding to “DDD” broadcasts from the six TWR, Kenya, FM stations. We are told these programs attract the youth and the urban dwellers.”
- For a totally new listening audience of Swahili speaking people! The “DDD” is now simultaneously translated by our beloved sister, Martha. It is heard throughout the African Swahili block via satellite. We are told that already the program has attracted new adult listeners in rural areas who have been saved and “destructive lifestyles/bondage has been broken.”

Praise the Lord! Following are some initial responses from the first Swahili broadcasts:

- Matathia – “I feel so encouraged by listening to your teachings. I have learnt to trust in God for everything that comes my way; and not to do anything that will jeopardize my relationship with God.”
- Nairobi – “I take this opportunity to thank you for the programs you air. One of your recent programs was a challenge to me. I learnt that my thoughts are so important in life and it taught me to look at what I was doing in relation to the Word of God.
- Lamu – “Thank you for the wonderful program by our sister Dorothy. She is a gifted teacher and her words from scriptures are an encouragement to me.”
- Nyahururu – “May God bless sister Dorothy and the work of her hands as you are doing a wonderful ministry.”
- Nairobi – “Thank you so very much for the Word through sister Dorothy and also through the educative book, *Food for Faith*”

Please pray: That the 15,000 copies of the Swahili *YQFG* and *FFF* and the 20,000 English copies will reach the homes and the hearts of poor and spiritually responsive people.

China

Remember those who are ill treated, since you also are liable to bodily sufferings HEBREWS 13:3 Amplified Bible.

It is difficult for most of us in the West to understand what it really means to be a Christian in an atheistic, antagonistic, and God-hating environment. This is particularly true because across China there is frequently a dearth of clear understanding of biblical doctrine, of the Finished Work of Christ for the redemption of sinners, and a shallow concept of the grace of God and of the reality of the indwelling Life of our risen Lord Jesus. But there is also a deep and widespread hunger for such teaching.

What an honor it is, therefore, because of your continued financial and prayerful support, CCIM is enabled to minister daily into China. The purpose is two-fold. One: To teach millions of Chinese who are eager to learn English. Two, and most important: To lay a biblical foundation for saving faith, both evangelistically (*Your Quest for God*) and also as a discipleship ministry (*Food for Faith*).

We praised the Lord and rejoiced as we received good news resulting from the six month pilot program. TWR informed us that from non-believers and new believers the response of our ESL program has been extremely encouraging. Also, the Internet downloads have witnessed remarkable numbers of responses from across China. Remember, these people are often untaught and new to any concept of the Gospel. The following responses to the follow-up questions are but a few of the communications received:

“What attitude changes do faith and repentance bring you?”

Guangong – “I feel much closer to God after I repented. I was away from God for a very long time, but now I am full of joy every day and I feel my life is meaningful!”

Shanghai – “I can have a grateful heart and give thanks when I face difficulties.”

Heilongjiang – “It gives me a positive attitude and it also strengthened my faith.”

Internet – “I hope I could be able to see more of others’ needs and share the Good News with my coworkers. Please pray for me. Thank you.”

Heilongjiang – “Thank you for your reply. I don’t really know God’s will; I think it is because I have not spent enough time with Him every day. I will start listening to Trans World Radio’s programs. I hope my heart could be close to the Lord and I could grow spiritually with others in God’s family. Thank the Lord for His grace. May the Lord bless you!”

“How will you respond to God’s love for you?”

Shanghai – “I am willing to follow Him and do all His desires. Please pray for my work; I want to be able to go to Sunday Service.”

“How will you prove that you love somebody?”

Internet – “Glorify God and benefit others! Please pray God to guide me in teaching His words to my children; I hope my children can glorify Him in school. Please pray God to give them wisdom so that they can walk with God in their lives.”

“Do you think our death is the spiritual and eternal death? Why or why not?”

Hubei – “Death is not the end; it is the beginning in God’s kingdom, it is also where our souls find the eternal rest. Everything is so wonderful when I have God in my life! Praise the Lord.”

“What attitude do you hold toward reading the Bible?”

Beijing – “I think everything that I do needs to abide by the Bible. Please pray for my son who studies in England that God will give him faith and guide him so that he can glorify God.”

Ghangdong – “I am a little surprised to have received a reply from you. In fact, I have not gone to church for more than a month. I don’t know what to do; I am depressed every day because of my job, family, marriage, and my own struggles. I am about to break down. I did not share these with others in my church. I have been serving in my church for 3 years and I have been doing follow-up works with sisters who left God. I don’t know since when I have become one of them. I am touched by those Bible verses that once touched my heart so deeply. I stopped serving in my church. Am I about to end my 5 years of Christian life? I spend more of my time at work and I just want to hide myself. Please pray for me! I need to be changed and be made new in my mind.”

“Do you think we can give thanks to the Lord Jesus both in good times and bad?”

Zheijiang – “I feel I have always been in bad times. When I encounter difficulties, I am grateful at the beginning, but then I become afraid to believe that it is God who helps me all the time. I am in a difficult time right now, but I do not know how to understand God’s will for me or if God has answered my prayers or not. I am hesitant to ask God’s help because I think I am not good enough. Please pray for me.”

“Will you make your own commitment of faith? Why or why not?”

Hunan – “Yes I am willing to, because He is the only God! Please pray for my faith and my marriage. My families don’t understand why I need to wait for the one that God gives me. They think I am crazy. Please pray for God to strengthen my faith and grow spiritually in Him.

Beijing – “I believe that all difficulties and trials have gone past God before they come to me and God has allowed these things to happen to me in order to help me grow. Please pray that those I love could be touched by the Holy Spirit and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior.”

“How do you know God’s love and care for you?”

Internet – “God has guided me with His abundant love and grace for 84 years! Please pray for my brother, who is 81 years old. May the Holy Spirit work in his heart so that he could know the true God.”

Prayer Alert! We are presently embarking on a pilot scheme to reach a different target audience with discipleship ministry based on the book *Food for Faith*, as we pray for the many lives being reached by our Lord Jesus throughout China.