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Seeing Beyond the Impossible™

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*D*ear East Gates partner,

As the vivid and magnificent colors of creation reveal themselves in all their glory before the dormancy of winter, it's a constant reminder of how God desires that we finish the race bold and vibrant. Like Yeshua (Jesus) on the Cross, despite our physical state, we should manifest the joy that is set before us as we transition from our temporal state to the glorious one to come! Physically, there may be days when we grow weary in well-doing (Galatians 6:9). We may feel like retiring but spiritually, we must be re-FIREing!



*O*ur Chinese brothers and sisters are doing just that. It's been a difficult season for them as China's present leader has changed the more relaxed policies of its two previous predecessors. His modus operandi is strengthening and spreading his socialistic ideologies and nationalism. As a result, in many regions, registered and unregistered churches have been given the edict they must sing China's national anthem and raise China's flag before each church service.

Provinces such as Zhejiang and Henan have been especially hit hard because over the past 30 years, they've seen some of the greatest Christian growth and have developed long-time relationships with overseas Christian churches

and organizations; something the central government would like to desist and stop. Pastors who do not comply with taking down their church Cross or continue to interface with overseas Christian groups and/or do not conform to these new religious policies, oftentimes find themselves in prison or have their passports taken, preventing them from attending overseas gatherings. The fact US-China relations are quite tenuous exacerbates the problem. The Open and House churches both realize it's a time to be patient, pray for all those who are in positions of high authority (I Timothy 2:1-4) and use Godly wisdom on how to live by faith and not by sight (II Corinthians 5:7).

As devout Christians, it seems our true faith and “light” reveals itself the most during times of great trial. Like the brilliance of this diamond, our genuine qualities are most apparent when placed within a darker backdrop.



As we’re now in the season of Thanksgiving, we’ve been reminding our Chinese brothers and sisters of the Apostle Paul’s admonition in I Thessalonians 5:14-18 (Amplified).

“...encourage the timid and fainthearted, help and give your support to the weak souls and be patient with everybody -- always keeping your temper. See that none of you repays another with evil for evil, but always aim to show kindness and seek to do good to one another and to everybody. Be happy in your faith and rejoice and be glad-hearted continually -- always. Be unceasing in prayer -- praying perseveringly; Thank [God] in everything -- no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks; for this is the will of God for you who are in Christ Jesus [the Revealer and Mediator of that will].”

East Gates continues to pray without ceasing for all the churches in China, our Chinese brothers and sisters around the world and *you*.



WE PRAISE AND THANK YOU LORD

For Your sovereignty over heaven and earth and the fact you reign from Your Kingdom Throne room!

Psalms 47:8

“God reigns over the nations; God sits upon His holy throne.”

Isaiah 33:22

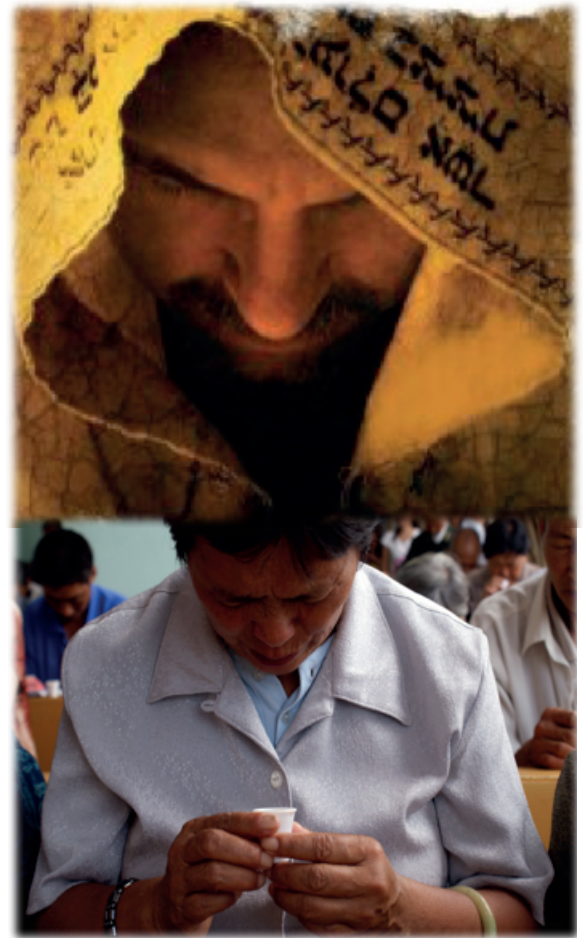
“For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our law-giver, the LORD is our king; He will save us.”

Psalms 9:7-12

“But the LORD abides forever; He has established His throne for judgment, And He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity. The LORD also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble; And those who know Your name will put their trust in You, For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You. Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion; Declare among the peoples His deeds. For He who requires blood remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the afflicted.”

Luke 1:37

“For with God nothing is ever impossible, and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment.”



WE PRAISE AND THANK YOU LORD

For ALL Your eternal promises and declarations in Your immutable Word for we put our full faith and trust in You!



WE PRAISE AND THANK YOU LORD

*F*or choosing to continually work through East Gates to provide all our Chinese brothers and sisters in China with Your life-giving Word. Even during these most difficult times of increasing persecution, we are forever grateful for the wisdom and ability to provide thousands of Bibles to those who continue to thirst for eternal Truth and Life.

Isaiah 55:1 (Amplified)

“Wait and listen, everyone who is thirsty! Come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Yes, come, buy priceless wine and milk without money and without price.”



A women's Bible Study in Yunnan province. We not only provide God's Truth through the Bible, we help them understand how to apply the scriptures in their lives. They've never known about the true role of women in God's Kingdom. Now they do.



WE PRAISE AND THANK YOU LORD

*F*or our grateful Chinese brothers and sisters who still live close to the land and give You the best of their autumn bounty. They know You are the God of the spiritual and physical harvest and everything comes from You!

Proverbs 3:9 (NASB)

“Honor the LORD with your wealth and from the first of all your produce; so your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine.”



Now that Bibles are no longer available online, East Gates tries to keep up with Bible requests like supplying this women's ministry in Yunnan province.



WE PRAISE AND THANK YOU LORD

*F*or the FAT -- “Faithful, Available and Teachable” hearts throughout China whereby we can bless each other through and by Your gift of the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 55:11 (Amplified)

“So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth; it shall not return to Me void -- without producing any effect, useless -- but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”



Yunnan minority tribe believers are always generous with their blessings because they know they serve a generous God.



The Yunnan minority tribe believers worship God with their body, soul and spirit. They love to sing and dance to the Lord as you can see here in this Autumn Harvest dance.



WE PRAISE AND THANK YOU LORD

*F*or the continual Godly perspective and wisdom you give our East Gates staff and the divine harmony in which we all work together. When we asked our China Project Director what he felt 2019 would bring for the believers and churches in China? His answer was: “My point of view is clear. There will be a lot of difficulties but a promising future. It’s like the Mississippi River that originates from the Rocky Mountains yet finally flows into the Gulf of Mexico. Mountains can never block the waters that ultimately flow into rivers and into the sea!”



Many of the areas in China where East Gates serves, like Yunnan province, has a natural beauty and spiritual message that gives even greater meaning to scripture (Proverbs 21:1).



WE PRAISE AND THANK YOU LORD

*F*or being the Light and Life that has come into this world for our eternal salvation! The Chinese must know they were never meant to die for eternity. With the upcoming year, please grant them greater revelation on how to live, what to say and what to do as many have not gone Your Way before and need Your guidance. We know that when a Christian’s ways please You, You make even his enemies to be at peace with him (Proverbs 16:7-9). Gift them with a powerful anointing as they meet various authorities or people so that they might bring the sweet smelling fragrance of You wherever they go. May they all share the “mind of Christ” and work in powerful harmony and unity so that the world may know You sent them (John 17:23). Last but not least, may their hearts and minds be prepared by the Holy Spirit to do Your will in these end times.



John 8:12 (Amplified)

“I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the Light which is Life.”

*I*n this season, we celebrate Yeshua (Jesus) who is the Light that grows increasingly brighter through our Chinese brothers and sisters and you. Let us help each other keep our lamps trimmed and burning (Matthew 25:1-13) in preparation for our soon-coming King!



East Gates equips a large Bible study in Yunnan province. Please pray for our limited resources at this time. As more churches knock on our door with greater needs, we’d like to say “yes” to them more than “no.”

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