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Dear East Gates partner,

As we close out 2022, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your faithful prayers, intercessions and sacrificial giving this year. The adage, “Your gift is a gift that keeps on giving” has certainly proven to be true as our Chinese brothers and sisters continue to express their deep appreciation for all that we’ve sown into their lives and ministries this past year, getting them ready for the soon coming return of our King and Savior - Yeshua HaMasiach or Jesus the Messiah!

The theme of our End-of-the Year newsletter is **LIGHT**!

We begin by sharing with you the joy and “**light**” you’ve brought to our continual work with Pastor “T”’s Olive Tree Ministry (OTM). As a conduit of God’s love and grace, our support of OTM has allowed more disabled and deaf youth to be adopted and brought into God’s Kingdom family where they can be nourished and taught in God’s Word and Spirit.

ISAIAH 58:10

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.



East Gates makes sure each child receives a Bible. Olive Tree Ministry’s staff disciple the youth into a way of life where they know what their true identity, purpose in life and destiny is all about. In God’s economy, they each have infinite worth.



As funds allow, Olive Tree Ministry keeps adopting more kids who have been either abandoned or disowned. Pastor “T” and his staff bring them from a house of sorrow to a house of joy.



“For you are all children of the **light**, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.” 1 Thess.5:5

I John 1:7

*“But if we walk in the **light**, as He is in the **light**, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

As many of you know, we’ve been sowing spiritually and physically into the Er-bo Ni church in Yunnan province for quite some time. This year, the growing church vested Kingdom time and resources into a new sanctuary. A few weeks ago, from dawn to evening, they celebrated the fruits of the labor in a grand Opening Ceremony and dedication. It’s a wonderful example of what it means to be “salt and **light**” in the midst of darkness. Thank you for making it possible! The Er-bo Ni church is awake and on fire!

II Corinthians 4:6-7

“For God who said, ‘Let **light** shine out of darkness has shone in our hearts to give the **light** of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.’”



Psalm 57:7

My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.

God is the author of music and it's more than likely that before the foundations of the world were created, He sang forth Creation into being. Music is a pure language in that it fills the universe and can speak to all cultures throughout time. Anointed music, like **light**, has a frequency that can push back the darkness.

For over the past two decades, we've been helping the Canaan Music Conservatory (CMC) in Beijing. This past year, they recruited more than 40 primary schools students from different villages in Tibet, Yunnan and Sichuan Province. They ranged from fourth to fifth grade and had no basic knowledge of music. Canaan Conservatory Director, Professor Su said, "There's a student that returned with his parents from a mission trip to Africa. I suggested that he study the harp and the results have been outstanding; so much so I've recommended that he study in the US. When he returns, I would like him to become a teacher here. There's another student learning flute and he can now play, *Variations on a Theme* by Rossini! In light of Covid-19, the students were not able to meet as frequently with their teachers but they still worked and practiced hard."

THANK YOU LETTER FROM PROFESSOR SU

Dear Brother Xiong.

Peace. I've received the RMB10,000 (US\$1,400) from East Gates International a few days ago that was transferred by Brother Zhang. My students, staff and I greatly appreciate what was given. Over these past 20 years, you've always given us timely help whenever we've fallen into difficulties. It's a great support to our music ministry. May God bless you all!

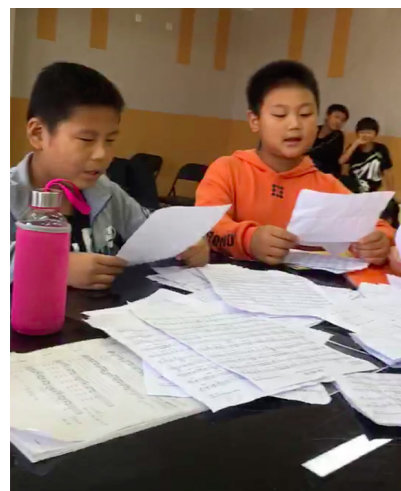
During the epidemic, our students insisted on not leaving the school. After over a month of lockdowns, we can resume our practice and learning. Thank you Lord! Please continue to pray for the safety of the children. Thank you again. Emmanuel. ~ Prof. Su



During the recent Covid-19 lockdown, students continued to practice in their dormitories. We wish you could hear the actual video recording. The three violinists and a cellist harmonized so beautifully together playing *Amazing Grace*.



Creating an orchestra from village youth who never had instruments or knew how to read music was a miracle but the latent talent that came forth was amazing. We'd say they are ready to go on tour!

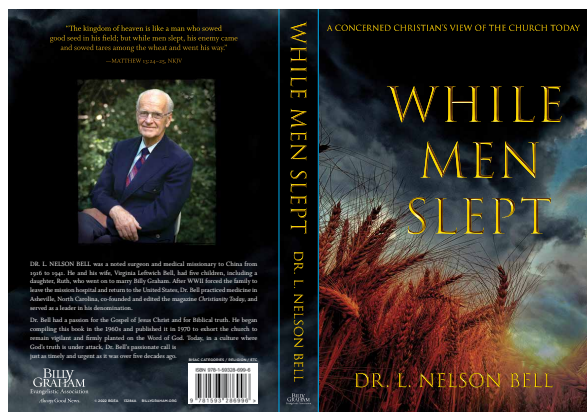


The youth are taught music theory and how to compose.

John 8:12

**“And Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the *light* of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the *light* of life.”**

When God, the **Light** of this world (John 8:12) is not in one's life, the enemy can come in and steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10a). We see this in living technicolor today. In 1970, Ruth Bell Graham's father, China missionary (1916-1941) and surgeon, Dr. L. Nelson Bell, wrote a book entitled, *While Men Slept* based on the parable of the tares in the wheat, Matthew 13:24-43. “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away” (v.25). After 50 years, the BGEA and East Gates have decided to put *While Men Slept* back into recirculation because what Dr. Bell penned more than half a century ago is even more relevant today.



Quotes

“If the church has as its chief mission the witnessing to the saving power of Jesus Christ, then it should certainly be more concerned with this business than it now seems to be. If, on the other hand, its chief mission is to transform society through social engineering, then it is being increasingly diligent in its calling--but woefully ineffective.” (p.12)

“The distance between secular and spiritual is so vast that only God could span it. And this He has done...The secular is apprehended by the senses; the spiritual by faith. The secular ends with death; the spiritual enters into its greatest

glory after death...The primary concern of the secular is material welfare and comforts. The primary concern of the spiritual is redemption and obedience to God's revealed will. And the Christian's primary desire is that all men shall hear the message of redemption.” (p.81-82)

Speaking as a doctor and preacher, Dr. Bell writes, “While the practice of medicine has advanced since Luke's day to unthought-of-heights, much of present-day preaching has *regressed*. This is not meant to be a universal judgement, of course. Yet facts cannot be ignored. The preaching of Peter and Paul was based on an accurate spiritual diagnosis and the offer of a sure cure. Much preaching today evades the basic sickness of the soul and prescribes nostrums no more effective than the incantations of a witch doctor. Those early apostles confronted their hearers with the fact of sin, its enormity, its wages, and its cure. They preached sin, judgment, repentance, and forgiveness through the atoning work and shed blood of Calvary, and they got results. They made use of the power available in their time and equally so today--the power of the Holy Spirit, the power of Scriptures, and the power of prayer. How much preaching today is dependent on the power of the Holy Spirit to make it effective, the power of the Scriptures as the Sword of the Spirit, and the power generated by prayer before the proclamation of the Gospel?” (p.37-38)

Powerful words for our time! As we continue to bless, pray and equip our precious Chinese believers here and afar, we admonish them to “not fall asleep” and continue to be God's **Light** in the midst of great darkness. Heartfelt praise and gratitude to our King and Savior and to *you* for allowing us to make it all happen!

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P.S. ~ If you would like a copy of *While Men Slept*, please visit our web site at <https://eastgates.org/resources/> and click on “books” or write us to order a copy with a suggested donation of \$10 and \$4.00 for shipping. Blessings!