

BRINGING THE *Light* BEHIND THE DOORS OF DARKNESS

The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

MATTHEW 4:16

January – February PDF Prayer Update

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings in Christ! My wife and I, as always, are grateful for your faithful prayers and financial support. We would not be able to “GO” without your “holding the ropes” back home and we surely couldn’t do all that God has led us to do without your holding the ropes.

We have now been in the States for five months. It seems like an eternity! If my calculations are correct, during this time-period, we have been in 42 churches, three Bible Colleges, and six Christian schools! We have been in a few of the churches [Pacific Baptist of Long Beach, Pacific Baptist of Monterey Park, Lighthouse of Orange Cove, and Harvest Baptist of Daly City] multiple times and I have taught two different Intensives at Pacific Baptist Bible College during this time also!

As most of you know, Lord willing, my wife and I will be relocating to the country of China soon. Our original intention was to spend six months in the states, but it looks like the Lord has opened a few more doors for us here, and will probably be in the States for another 6-8 weeks. Many have asked, “Why China?” Of course, there are many reasons for going to China, and I have even posted a page dealing with this topic, which you can check out by going to:

Prayerfully ponder upon these numbers for a moment: China is a country of nearly 1.4 billion people. Depending on whose statistics you believe, somewhere between 3-5 percent of the population professes to be “Christian.” Just to keep that in proper perspective, 77 percent of Americans profess to be “Christian.” The “Unreached” population of the country is just under 186 million people, and many of these are not simply “Unreached,” but “Unengaged,” which means **NO ONE IS LOOKING FOR THEM OR TRYING TO REACH THEM WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL!**

In the good old United States, there are somewhere between 10-15,000 IB churches, while in China, which is almost five times the size of America there are somewhere between 50-100 IB churches!



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Just as there is a great physical wall around much of China that was once intended to keep enemies out, today there is a great spiritual wall around much of China that is attempting to keep the Good News of Jesus out!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- *Please pray for all three of our teams in Southeast Asia [Cambodia, Laos, Thailand].*
- *Please pray for our new Bible college in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.*
- *Please pray that God will open doors for future ministry in China.*
- *Please pray about the recent increase in persecution in China.*
- *Please pray that God will bring an increase from all the seeds that we have been planting through our preaching, teaching, reporting, and presenting these past few months.*
- *Please pray for the many young people in recent days who have made decisions about the mission field.*
- *Please pray that God will open a door for a future visit to some refugee camps.*
- *Please pray that God will provide the necessary funds for my wife and I to relocate.*
- *Please pray for my wife's upcoming surgery.*
- *Please continue to pray for my brother, Pastor Joe, and his wife Mary!*

Again, my wife and I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your faithful prayers and financial support. We could not do what God has called and led us to do without your prayers and financial support!

For HIS Glory in the Nations,
Johnny and Denise Esposito
Psalm 67

