

March 8, 2010

Dear friends,

A lot has happened since December. We **returned to Hong Kong on Jan. 5**. God enabled us to quickly find an apartment in our target area. Our secretary was able to negotiate the rent down to within our budget and we moved in on Jan. 11! That's the fastest we've ever found a place to live. Thank you for your prayers. We are still settling in but it is going well.



We could see God's hand in finding a place so quickly, because **Doyle's mother**, Luella, passed away 12 days later in Phoenix, AZ. Doyle's brother, Rollin, was with her when she died and said that she passed very peacefully. Though we miss her, we rejoice that she is with Jesus whom she loved and served so many years. We also rejoice that we were able to fly back for the memorial service on Jan. 28 and to spend some time with Doyle's dad. God is good all the time!



Regarding the work in Hubei province, we thank God that enough funds have come in to **construct a church building in Heaven's Gate** in central Hubei! It is one of the 10 "ring cities" around Wuhan, the capital of Hubei. Please pray for Liou Ping, the lay leader, and the believers there as they move forward on this new church building, the first one in this city of 1 million! The church needs to lay the foundation by the end of March or the government may reclaim the land and sell it to someone else. PRAY for everything to proceed smoothly!

We praise God that **believers in XiaoGan** finally secured permission from the city government to get their own church building—this will be the first one in this city of 890,000 people. They recently purchased land and hope to begin building soon. XiaoGan is also a "ring city" and a county seat. It is 90 minutes northwest of Wuhan. Some funds have already come in for their building program. We praise God for the leadership that Rev. Liao gives to this group of believers which has grown from 20 to over 300 in the past few years. Pray for God's continued leading and guidance as plans move ahead for construction. May God lead and guide in each step.

At the end of January another group of **47 lay pastors finished their year of studies** at the Hubei Provincial Training Center and returned to their home churches for ministry. It is so good to have had a part in making it possible for them to get this training. (Through gifts from people like you, scholarships are provided to pastors who are too poor to afford the training.) Through donations from an Alliance church, we were able to provide each of these lay pastors with a set of 13 books when they graduated. Each set costs about \$35. For most of these lay pastors, these will be the only books they have to use for years to come, since they come from poor rural areas.



Another major prayer request is for the **renovations** of our team's office in Hong Kong. The building in which our small office is located was declared "unsafe" by the government and major repairs were required on the entire building. As repair work began in November, water pipes on the outside of the building burst and water flooded into our office, causing major damage and requiring extensive work on our office. We praise God that our office renovations should be finished this week, except for one concrete wall which will be left unpainted until the building's contractor finishes repairing and waterproofing the outside of that wall so that rainwater no longer seeps through it into our office. Please pray for everything to go smoothly with our team's move back into the office and for the repairs on the concrete wall to also be finished soon and done well.

**A church in a rural mountainous area** in northwestern Hubei has completed the outside structure of their building. They've seen God help them overcome many obstacles so that there could be a church building in their community. After a major change in the local county government leaders, the original piece of property that they bought was declared by the government to be unsuitable for them to build on. They saw God touch the new local Religious Affairs Bureau official's heart so that he helped them locate a much more suitable piece of land. God helped this group to be able to come up with the additional funds needed to purchase the new piece of property. Then when the government-approved general contractor was going to charge them twice what they had budgeted for the building materials, a Christian businessman in the closest large city helped them find another contractor that the government would also approve and who was more within their budget. So much to praise God for! We anticipate that this church will hold their dedication service this fall.



**Thank you** so much for praying and for giving to the Great Commission Fund. This is what makes it possible for us to serve God in China. May God bless you and help you as you are His witness where you live and work.

In Christ's service,  
Doyle and Dori Carlblom

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