

CENTRAL CHINA BAPTIST MISSION

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Dear Friends and Fellow-workers :

“JOYOUS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO EACH OF YOU FROM ALL OF US.”

The Christmas Season has its Sadness as well as its Joys. What a Joy came to this old world when God in His Infinite Love was willing to become incarnate in His Son so that we might know His Father-Heart of Love! What a Sadness there is for after all these many years to have comparatively so few who really and truly bow their knees to Jesus, as Lord and Saviour! He came to save all. He is not willing that any should perish. God help us all this Christmas Season to reconsecrate our lives fully to the possession of the Holy Spirit for unselfish service.

My Christmas Message to you is; “NONE OF SELF, ALL FOR CHRIST.”

Our family was united last Christmas around little Xmas Tree in Nashville Tenn. We enjoyed the Xmas shopping, the Xmas spirit but most of all the fellowship of friends in person. It was so good to have been with you all. It is so different this Christmas for our family is divided. Reba and Jackson are both in Tennessee but separated. Julia, Enid, Phyllis, and myself are across the Pacific in surroundings far different from last year. We will miss all of you good American friends this year. Our heart strings are taut as we think of those of our own who are so far away yet we are united with you all in spirit and aim. For those who are left there with you we feel you will make it up to them so that they will not miss the home-ties so much. There are no distances in the spirit world. We will feel your presence this year right here in Shanghai. PLEASE THINK OF US TOO.

I stepped out of my back-door yesterday. My attention was immediately drawn to a heart-rending cry of a woman. It was a hollow, piercing, and distressful cry. I asked the cook; “What is the trouble?”. He replied, “si Yin” “A death in the family”. I looked out cross a vacant lot and saw a woman at the head of a little oblong brick affair. Within was a coffin. She was weeping for the one who probably had been placed there in this coffin surrounded by bricks several years. You see they just put the coffin on the ground any where and build bricks around it. Some are just left without bricks even. How my heart ached as I saw her burning paper images to be of assistance to the one gone before and paper-money (from the Temple) that might be of help to this one too. Crying, Crying, but there was no comfort for her!

We who were born in a land where Christ Jesus our Lord is known should certainly with renewed love and appreciation thank God. What comfort He gives!

I must ask your forgiveness for not getting off another “News Letter” ere this for many friends have written their appreciation and are praying but I have been very busy settling, working, and doing what came to my hands to do. One must also renew his acquaintance with his family after so long a time. It seemed like a life-time yet on another way it seemed short because of what little I had accomplished.

I met the family in Japan, reaching Yokohama when the whole Japanese fleet was in the harbor. Two hundred planes were flying over-head when her Steamer landed. I felt grateful for the Japanese Government for helping me give them such a real Royal welcome. We are pretty well settled now here on the compound in Shanghai. We are in a house with two apartments. One for Miss Catherine Bryan and the rest for us. Julia has her time fully taken up at present with teaching some in the Boy's School and some in the Girl's School. also Bible in the Cantonese School. There are many fine young men and women in these schools who have been won to Christ and many who need to be won. Pray for them.

Let me tell you of some of the things I am trying to do so you can pray for me intelligently.

Sunday Morning at nine-thirty, I have a Bible Class in the Old North Gate Church. It is our oldest Baptist Church. It has a School, connected with the Church with over seven hundred day students: I use the National Language of China in this Class. We are now studying the Gospel of John. Shanghai is a fast growing City. It is growing from without which makes it necessary to use Mandarin. Some of the Chinese leaders feel that all schools should use Mandarin and thus help the onward progress of China.

After this Class I go to our little Mandarin (National Language) Preaching Hall that is located in a section where there are thousands who have never been touched with the Gospel Message. This little chapel will seat only a very few but it is a center and we desire you to Pray that it might be a Soul-saving center. There was once a Mandarin Church here but it is scattered and we want to revive it if possible. There are already ten or more who are inquiring the way of Salvation. We have two or three meetings daily as well as get out much Gospel Literature. Please Pray for this little Soul-saving Station. We call it “Sin Sen Ming T'ang”. (New Life Hall). We already need a large place and a tent but our faith has only been able to rent this small place.

Mr. Sung, the Evangelist, seems to be a very consecrated young man. Pray for him too. This meeting lasts from eleven to when we finish.

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After dinner, at three o'clock we go to the School of Commerce Building. In this little service there we have one of the greatest opportunities in China. There are over 524 young business men and women in this Commercial School. They come nightly for their classes from five to nine o'clock. The meetings on Sunday at three o'clock are evangelistic in Spirit. Last year nearly every student in the school was touched with the Gospel Message. There were fourteen definite conversions. A number of the Christians renewed their interest too. This meeting is held in one of the Class Room for we have no place in our Baptist Building for Religious Services or Conferences, so we are handicapped in this way. It is hard work and sometimes might be discouraging because of the few that attend but it is worthwhile for we are touching the men and women who will be China's Leaders in the business world. We see those who come only on Sunday for one hour or more but a great deal could be done if we had a room for Religious Work and a small private office where I could see the students regularly through the week days. Three have shown a definite interest this term and seem ready to give their lives to Christ.

Please Pray for these services and for those who attend this School and that we might have funds to really rent an office so as to get into personal contact with the students. God is able. Stand with us in definite Prayer. There are already eighty Christians in the school but some of them attend their own Churches and we are putting our time in trying to reach those who are not interested and the unsaved.

The week days are taken up in preparation, sending out invitations, tracts through the mails, mailing Evangelism, personal work, putting up posters, translating tracts that are very much needed at present etc. etc. A missionary's work is never done.

If we were to draw a line from our home to all the places where the little Booklet "Son of God" by John has gone. It would show lines going into practically every large City and every Province in China. Indeed there have gone out over 42000 copies. Many replies have come from those receiving them. We aim at getting out one million copies as soon as possible. It is expensive but it is fruit-bearing. Souls are being saved and interest made. One man writes for some copies to give to his friends for he wants them to know too. Another writes, "He has read the Booklet but wants to know more so he can accept and tell his friends and family." Why not join this league so you will always pray for those reading and may be send out some yourself through us?

Posters like the one sent you are being posted over this city of three millions of souls. There is an invitation on each poster to come to the chapel to hear more of "God's Love" Over 130000 of these have gone throughout China. Think what it might mean with one million copies of John 3:16 posted over this great country!

The Story of Ruth Wyatt Conversion by T. T. Martin has been translated and 15000 sent out.

Truths of the Cross has been prepared. It is only Scripture Verses but over 17000 of these have gone broadcast over China. Seed are being sown but the harvest will come only after cultivation of the soil with our United Intercessory Prayers for those reading. Indeed Revivals start through a faithful distribution of His Word and the reading of His Word. This work it being done in faith and God has supplied our needs. He has never failed us yet. He never will. I ask you to pray definitely for this special work. I have been trying to get into the daily News Paper (Chinese) but it is hard. I want His Printed Message to go into the evening paper which has a circulation of 1,500,000 copies each day. Think what a marvelous witness this would be for Christ and the Truth! Now is the opportune time for this work too, but it takes definite Prayer to move these Editors for such work, Communism is getting out its propaganda. They are faithful workers. With your Prayers and moral help I believe this can be done for it takes men and funds. Not everyone can write articles acceptable for News Paper publishers. God has His writer for us.

I read just the other day that there are no retrenchment in God's work, done in God's way and according to God's Plan. It is True.

All the Churches here at the present time are having additions. The Revival Fires in North China continue to burn. The Chinese are taking responsibilities that have never been taken before. The time to work is growing short. So many things point to the fact of His early return for His own. Let us all be faithful in watching but busy in winning the lost there is well as here.

If each one would win one for Christ this year and then the same next year it would take only thirty one years to win the world to Christ

1st Year	2 Persons
2nd "	4 "
3rd "	8 "
4th "	16 "
5th "	32 "
10th "	1024 "
15th "	32768 "
20th "	1,048,576 "
30th "	1,073,741,824 "
31st "	2,147,843,648 "

If all are faithful it would be only a short time before the whole world would be won. By all giving together as God has prospered each of us it would be only a short time before the debt of the Board would be paid and we all could go forward out of debt and happy.

Reba will soon graduate from Vanderbilt Medical and after her internship will want to come to China. Her address is % Vanderbilt Medical School, Nashville Tenn. Some have written asking her address as well as Jackson's too.

Jackson is Junior in Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City Tenn. He also wants to return to China as a Missionary. Pray for them for it is hard to be Separated from one's family as they are. God through you can make up to them in some way.

God has been good to let us return to China and we do thank each of you for your Interest and Prayers. One has to go through things not seen but God has been with us in all. The tunnels seem dark but there is light ahead. We DO desire these few remaining years of our lives to count for those things most worthwhile for Him.

After all it is only as we are channels for His Holy Spirit working can we truly win souls and be a blessing to others.

As I began this litter: May you have a Joyous and Happy Christmas. May this truly be your very best because of the new relationship with Christ.

"His Grace is Sufficient"

Yours in Winning the lost in U. S. A. as well as in China.

In Christ,

C. J. Lowe

P. S.

"Keep not silent"-ye whose service is a hidden life of Prayer,
Yours a ministry of blessing reaching, touching everywhere-
Linking hearts (else widely severed) with the golden chain of love,
Binding them by unseen fetters to the Mercy-seat above.

Eph. 3; 14-19.

Col. 4;12

"Keep not silence"-watch and labour, live a life of constant Prayer,
For each friend still unconverted-whose salvation is your care.
"Day and Night"-for years it may be-have you agonized and cried
To the God so "rich in mercy,"yet the answer seems denied.

Gal. 4;19

Gen. 18;23-33.

"Keep not silence"-Intercession is the incense God demands,
Fragrant are the Prayers and Praises "lifted up by holy hands"-
In the Name of Jesus offered, not one earnest cry can fail,
"Fervent and effectual" pleadings of the righteous "much avail."

I Tim. 2;8

James 5;16

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Study the above poem. I still hope many will join with us so you can Pray regularly for the Gospels distributed and get many to help. Why not organize little Prayer Groups?