Gospel Gains in China, News from the Chinese Union Mission

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The gospel is gaining ground in China. When Sister Hua began working for the Lord on the island of Hainan, there was virtually no Adventist presence. But the Lord impressed Sister Hua to start doing evangelism by meeting the felt needs of her community. She took care of the homeless, fed the hungry, and baby-sat the children of working parents. It is now twelve years later and the Lord has broken through the walls of secularism and Buddhism. Through the labors of Pastor Hua, 10 churches have been planted and over 500 precious souls have been baptized.

In another area of China, a gain of another sort has occurred. God is using medical-missionary work to meet the needs of people and lead them to the foot of the cross. Fifteen years ago, Pastor Zhou and his members started a health center. Over 5,300 people have come to the center since the year 2000, and of those, 1,300 have accepted Jesus and joined God’s
Access this video link to see Sister Hua and Pastor Zhou interviewed by Mark Finley at the recent General Conference Session in San Antonio.

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Disturbing the Peace and Letting Our Lights Shine

They grumbled that our Sabbath morning singing, when they were trying to catch up on sleep, was a disturbance. Our “noise” was disturbing the peace.
Other than this, we were not connecting with others. We were not letting our lights shine, just disturbing the peace.

Then God spoke to us. It was time to let our lights shine and share our music all the more. No, it would not be on Sabbath mornings when our neighbors were trying to sleep, but during the week. We began going through our apartment building, door-to-door, singing Christian songs and passing out gospel leaflets. We not only did this in our apartment building, but in our community and in surrounding areas.

Now, our church in no longer like a light hid under a bushel. We are letting our lights shine and even people that live far from our house-church are coming to worship with us each Sabbath.

But this is not the end of my report, for I must add that now our neighbors accept us. They come to our house-church asking questions about Jesus and the Bible.

Sabbath Attendance: 30
Recent Baptisms: 2
Bible Studies every week: 8

***Report submitted by a church-planting team in an unreached area of China.

Promises to Claim for Frontline Workers:

Promise of Strength:
"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46:1

Promise of God's Faithfulness:
"My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me." Ps. 101:6

Promise of Hope:
"Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord." Ps. 31:24

Superstitions and Struggles
We are sharing Jesus in an area of China that is very superstitious. The religious culture is so strong that if an individual chooses to leave the unique practices of his family or village, he will suffer negative consequences.

Aunt Jiao was very superstitious and did not have the strength to handle the sudden death of her husband for she felt that she was of no value without a husband. Crying all day and sleepless at night, she attempted to end her own life many times.

One day, we met Aunt Jiao and gave her a gospel tract and invited her to come to our church. She accepted the invitation and immediately a group of us began praying for her. At the end of the first Sabbath worship that Aunt Jiao shared with us, she came to me and said, “I feel really joyful today. I didn’t know there was one true God in the world. Jesus is love! He knows me. Jesus will carry me through.” Aunt Jiao’s eyes were
brimming with tears, but this time her tears were tears of happiness.

Aunt Jiao is now a baptised member and keeps Sabbath faithfully. The change we see in her is clearly miraculous and her family sees it as well. No wonder they now come to church with her, for they see that the God of Heaven is the only God.

Sabbath Attendance: 70-90
Recent Baptisms: 44
Weekly Bible studies: 45

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**History:**

Abram LaRue, the first Adventist pioneer worker in China, arrived in Hong Kong in 1888. He died and was buried in Hong Kong in 1903.