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CHINA — AWARD — PERSONAL UPDATE



As I reported in earlier newsletters, Pastor Dan has been working with us in China and did much of the training for our most recent group of young Chinese graduates. For their safety, we cannot give the location of our CTC program, but we are blessed to report that

tortured for her Christian testimony and service. Today *Timothy* and his wife, who now have a new baby, actively serve to raise up young Chinese leaders to work in the house churches. Several of the students are already involved as leaders or pastors. After this group finished the five-week program, *Timothy* decided to begin the full CTC program that requires the 1000 classroom hours of study. His goal is to earn the full Associate of Biblical Studies Degree. He also wants to help Pastor Dan start a couple of new five-week programs in other areas of China.



The situation in China is changing, however; the government now stringently controls areas where there has been little or no persecution. Authorities are outlawing and shutting down all Christian stores and printing companies. As far as I am aware, Bibles are no longer being printed. Also, bringing Bibles into China is now prohibited. Missionaries have been leaving as new measures are being put in place to force them out. All the more reason we need to do all we can to help train China's next generation of church leadership. These young people are quality kids with an earnest desire to make a difference for the Kingdom of Christ in China. Here is a testimony of one of the young men that I met. We will call him *Joshua* (not his real name):

22 students graduated from our five-week version of the CTC program. This much shorter version of the full 1000-class hour program requires the students to read the material before Dan or I come to teach. That way we need only review the major points, answer any questions, give the examinations, and record grades. The emphasis is to show students how to teach the CTC program then send them out to either start their own CTC program or become leaders in the underground house church movement teaching the CTC material.

Joshua is from a province some distance from the CTC program headquarters. He lived there with his parents and older sister. His parents are followers of Christ, but his mother is the one with the strong testimony for Jesus. He joined *Timothy's* program in 2016. In February of 2017, he fell from a high wall where he was visiting other Christians in a minority village. The fall, which nearly killed him, resulted in a burst spleen, broken thoracic and lumbar vertebrae, and a hematoma inside his skull. The doctors told him there was little they could do, that he would very likely die. *Timothy*, along with *Timothy's* mother and younger brother,

The Chinese director of this program, who we will call *Timothy* (not his real name), is mostly confined to a wheelchair as the result of his mother being beaten by Chinese authorities when he was in his mother's womb. She was an active pastor in the underground house church movement and was



rushed to the hospital to intercede for *Joshua*. *Joshua*'s parents, who lived rather far away, had not yet arrived. The doctors went ahead with the operation even though they were certain it would not help.

Authorities where *Joshua* grew up strictly supported the one child policy. *Joshua* already had a living older sister and a second sister who was given away to avoid having to abort her. The year his mother got pregnant with *Joshua*, the government was enforcing the one-child policy very strictly. Officials were forcibly aborting many second and third children, burying all the aborted remains in a pit. When *Joshua* was born, his mother took a dead child's body from the pit and brought it to the government to show that her child had died. Other family members who lived close by secretly raised *Joshua*.

Joshua was the only son in his family. When his parents arrived at the hospital, his father collapsed from fear that he would lose his only son. To the amazement of the doctors, *Joshua* survived the operation and two others since then! He has now graduated from the CTC program and is doing very well. *Joshua*'s survival has strengthened his family's faith in God! His mother even pastors a house church!

Today *Joshua* assists another secret house church pastor, helping to equip students in the CTC training program. Please keep *Joshua* and all the other CTC graduates across China in your prayers as the persecution intensifies.

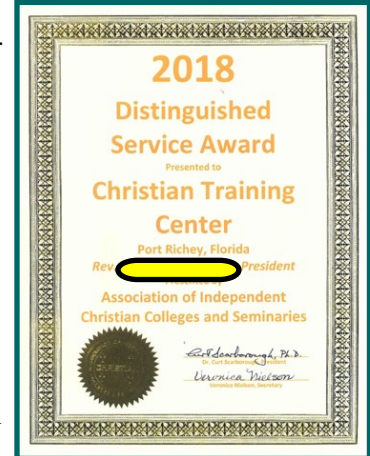
Timothy plans to communicate with interested pastors in the two areas where he would like Pastor Dan to introduce the CTC program. He will get back to us in November to hopefully plan trips for 2019. I will most likely help Dan with some of this new responsibility as God saw fit to grant both Dan and me ten-year, multi-entry visas to China!

I had the privilege to minister with Pastor Dan in Poland where he worked for many years. His contacts there would like to start a full CTC program in Poland in 2019. We will keep you posted on how that develops. Please remember this new opportunity in your prayers and release God to work His will here on earth in that situation.

I wanted to make you aware of a special honor that our

CTC program received from the Association of Independent Christian Colleges and Seminaries (AICCS), the agency that accredits the CTC program. Without any special effort on our part, AICCS sent the following certificate in the mail a few days ago: →

Founded in 2002, AICCS now has a membership of more than 380 schools in 30 states in the USA and in 45 other nations. Our CTC program is one of its member schools. It is encouraging to be recognized for the work God is doing, although this is far from being any one person's effort. Without those of you who pray for this ministry and stand with us in financial support, none of it would be possible. Together we serve an audience of One! It truly is His words "Well done thou good and faithful servant" and His rewards that we seek. Congratulations on your award and thank you for being a part of this great work!



A couple of personal updates and congratulations: **FIRST: CONGRATULATIONS** to Vicky and Sarah for becoming naturalized citizens of the USA on August 10, 2018 in a citizenship ceremony at the Department of Immigration facility in Tampa. Vicky and 68 others from 30 different nations were sworn in as US citizens. Sarah, in attendance with us, automatically became a naturalized citizen as Vicky's daughter. It has been a long, frustrating road to **legal** citizenship, enough so that I understand why people want to simply walk across the border! We thank the Lord for His grace along the way and the joyous victory of citizenship. **SECONDLY:** Vicky just had another ultra-sound and the technician suggested Daniel Joseph should be ready to deliver by September 25th. We are trying for the 26th so by the time you read this we should be in the home stretch! Please pray for Vicky and Daniel Joseph. As always, we so appreciate your prayers and support. **TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**



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