## The Zhang Family to CHINA

God so loved the world

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## Dear Pastors and Church Families in Christ

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We had a wonderful big news: China re-opened the family Visa application recently though many other VISAs still remain suspended. With this policy changed, we began the Visa applications for Rachelle and Timotheus. Please pray for the application process. Since China has closed regular VISA for two years, there are a lot of applicants who have been waiting to go back to see their families. Therefore, we won't be able to know how long exactly will the application take. But we knew the door back to China to continue the work there was not shut on us. Currently, China is still imposing very strict COVID restriction on the international travelers. We prayed that the restriction will be further reduced.

We would like to ask your prayers for Caleb's Mom. On July the 5<sup>th</sup>, she had a surgery to remove her gale balder. Being the only child, Caleb felt very bad that he could not be there to take care of her. Caleb's mom became a Christian by the influence of Caleb about 20 years ago and she was baptized at a local underground CH near where she lived. However, that local underground CH was shut down by the CCP authority. But we are grateful that our CH people at Zhuhai willing to help their pastor's mother in any possible way. Please pray that her recovery will be smooth.

"Rom10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Recently, we had been given opportunities at multiple local Churches in southern California to help reaching the Chinese people in their communities. We are very grateful for the pastors who we came across at southern California. They had such burden and passion to reach the Chinese people. Because of many changes, a large population of Chinese in southern California recently moved to new places. It was estimated that there were 350,000 Chinese population in southern California. The entire state is a big China town. However, many of these Chinese people speak very limited English. Therefore, they tend to stay within the Chinese circle except they went to work. We helped local Churches to establish Chinese Sunday schools and translate their Gospel tracts and invitation cards into Chinese which seemed very helpful. As English speakers with Chinese tracts knocking at their doors, the Chine neighbors accepted gladly. They were impressed by the Englishspeaking Church would like to pay efforts to reaching them when they saw the Chinese tracts. It is especially urgent for our Bible believing Baptist Church to reach the Chinese. In one occasion, there was a gentleman showed up at the Chinese Sunday School. He got the Chinese tract from door knocking and found out the Church was not far away where he lived. As our Sunday School finishing, he said he had been to other Churches many times, however, this is the first time, in the Church, someone would open the Bible and read to him what the Bible said. He didn't get saved that day but it got him really thinking what the Bible said regarding his soul and salvation. The urgency isn't only because this the great Commandments of our Lord, but also because the power of the first contact. If a Chinese had been to many so-called Christian Churches and he hadn't heard the preaching the word of GOD, he would have a wrong impression of God's Word and the gospel of Christ. It would be much harder for him later to be willing to listen the Gospel of Christ and accept Churches' invitation. He would think I already knew the Christianity is nothing more than what I have seem. By then, his heart would be further hardened.

"Acts18:10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city."

Please pray for Liu a lady recently got saved in China. Our people in Zhuhai, China continue out-reaching to the lost regardless the Covid restriction and other dangers. A lady who you would think she would never come to CH because she came from a very strong CCP background. Praise the LORD, she accepted the invitation from one of our CH ladies who is her neighbor to our Sunday service. After several weeks of hearing the preaching of the Word of God, she accepted Christ as her personal savior. Please pray for her faith will

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stand strong regardless the great pressure from the CCP authority. Her salvation was a tremendous encouragement to us which made us more eagerly to return to our field.

We are currently helping a third local Church in southern California to establish a Chinese Sunday School. There were a group of about 10 Chinese had been coming to this Church for the Sunday service. We would like to ask you to pray that God may use us to encourage one of these Chinese men will be trained to lead this group to continue reaching the Chinese in that area. Though we didn't know exactly how much time left for us to be in the States, please pray that we will obey God's guidance on how to be of help to the local Churches in the States. We also need wisdom on how to utilize our time effectively. Below is a list of our duties of each week, please pray for us that we may have wisdom to accomplish what the LORD had for us.

- Homeschool our Children.
- Sunday Preaching to the Church in China with 15hrs time zone difference, which means we need to stay up late at Saturday evening.
- Chinese Sunday school at a Church of southern California, where it takes us one hour driving.
- Wednesday Prayer meeting for the Church in China which requires Caleb to get up 4:30 am.
- Daily morning devotionals to the Church members in China.
- One-on-one discipleship to the Church members in CHINA, once or twice per-week.
- Thursday Bible Study to a Church in Hongkong through online. They are currently without a pastor. I also preach to them once a month.
- Wednesday afternoon Chinese Bible Study at Hemet, CA
- Chinese Sunday school member visitation one a week.
- Saturday soul wining with local Church here in southern CA.
- Translating materials for training the Chinese Christians.

We understand being busy can't substitute following Christ faithfully. Therefore, we would like you to pray for us that we may serve Him faithfully and effectively according His schedule. At the same time, we deeply appreciate your faithful prayers and support to our family. Without you holding the rope, we won't be able to take part in all these ministries. Recently, we update our prayer cards with Timotheus in it. We will send out our updated prayers cards according our support Churches' address. If you haven't received it by August, please contact us by our temporary phone: 951-486-8378 or email <a href="mailto:rhangfamilyinchina@gmail.com">rhangfamilyinchina@gmail.com</a>. Thank you for your time to read our updates and pray for us.

In Christ Caleb, Rachelle, Jerusha and Timotheus

