

上帝没有死在中国 - GOD IS NOT DEAD...IN CHINA



The Erh (E) People Group of Chengdu, China

Whitfield Guinness, a missionary/doctor in China from 1900-1927, spoke of the lost in China as “People toiling without a Sunday, without a prayer, without songs of praise-and worst of all, death without Jesus.” After being in China with 40 underground church pastors from the E people in Chengdu, I am pleased to report that God is on the move and making Himself mightily known! Some cell leaders traveled from as far away as 10 hours without food or rest stops to receive training and inspiration on Church Planting.



The E people are considered to be a low caste among the Chinese society. Most are Animists, believing that all plants, animals and objects have spirits. Out of China's 1.387 billion people, there are now approximately 1,000 Christians among the 44,000 known E people. Our team, representing Joshua Nations, Global Advance and Gateway Missions had the privilege of spending four days worshipping with and training 40 cell (underground) church leaders on church planting strategy. We met in an isolated area outside of the city of Chengdu in order to reduce the chance of detection.

The number of Christians in Communist China continues to steadily increase, *proving that the CHURCH always flourishes under persecution!* The affluence of China is opening doors to the gospel. Many people now have everything in a monetary way, but their souls are empty. They have all the money they need and can buy anything they want and yet they ask... **“Is This It?”** The influence of the Charismatic Church is having the greatest impact on church growth in China. Christians are becoming bold about their faith and are resisting the threats of the government. There is a revolution going on in the underground church. When threatened by the police they say, **“You have killed and persecuted our grandfathers and our fathers, so go ahead and kill us too.”**



We had a full range of ages attend the conference: as young as 18 and up to age 80. There were four generations of believers proclaiming the love of God together! When Godless leaders rule by fear, a vacuum is created which can only be filled by faith in a forgiving, compassionate God.

People of Chengdu



Chuck Lenhart: Missionary in China

Chuck went on a two week, short term missionary trip to China when he was 19 years old. At the end of his first week he called his parents back in the USA and told them, "I am selling my return ticket home; this is where God wants me." Back in those days you could get cash for selling your ticket back to the airline. That was 30 years ago. Today Chuck and his wife, Wendy are raising up a second generation of young people, such as their sons Christopher and Jared, along with others to expand the work there. These energetic, on fire young men and women who are committed to Jesus, have a vision to see a firestorm of Christ's love and the power of the Holy Spirit sweep through the most remote areas of China. When Gateway Missions returns to China, we want to go deeper into the farthest regions where hundreds of believers are experiencing the power of the New Testament Church.



Pray the Holy Spirit will strengthen and protect the pastors as they are faithfully fulfilling the call to go throughout their villages preaching, teaching and planting churches in the remote, unreached areas of China.

Your prayers and financial gifts are reaching people who may not otherwise hear the good news of Christ.

Thank you for linking your passion, prayers and provision with GATEWAY MISSIONS. We need your support more than ever as we continue to GO with the GOSPEL . May God richly bless you!

Running the race to win,

Gary and Jane Ann Casey

Mbeya, Tanzania

A Gateway Missions team leaves on May 12 for Mbeya, Tanzania where we will meet with pastors and church leaders in the most southern part of the nation. Our first conference there was in 2014 and we prayed and planned for six years before it became a reality. Now two years later, we are being enthusiastically welcomed back to bring training and refreshing to the church. Thank you for praying for our team as we go: Gary Casey, Royce Riggan, Paul Henry, Ken Woolf and Jeanne Jester.