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Dear Prayer Partners in Christ:

An historic event occurred December 1-5 at Eucon International College when our school hosted a site inspection team from the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS), an accrediting agency recognized

by the US Department of Education and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation. TRACS is the agency through which, for example, Bob Jones University and Northland Baptist Bible College recently received their accreditations.

Our Eucon staff did a wonderful job to prepare for and then host the TRACS team. By God's grace, the site visit went well. The TRACS representatives responded by saying that they could see the hand of God with us at Eucon, for which we are truly humble. An official decision on full accreditation for Eucon is scheduled for April when the TRACS Accreditation Commission holds its semiannual meeting.

While the TRACS team was on the island, the governor of the island was excited to meet with them. The local Tribune reported the event since Eucon would be the first four-year college to be accredited in the history of the island.

Our Health Situation

JUST BEFORE I ATTENDED our board meeting in late November and then the TRACS visit in early December, I had been feeling frequent chest pain. My doctor gave me two EKGs which showed a change since my last evaluation.

At first my doctor asked me not to do any overseas travel until he could complete a new evaluation. But because the TRACS site inspection visit is so crucial to our ministry, the doctor prescribed medications that allowed me to follow through with my trip to the island. Though this involved some risk to my health, God protected me and I returned home safely. Since then I have gotten a complete heart checkup using the latest technology. The result is within an acceptable range. But my doctor advised me to slow down my work, take more rest, and have a blood test every two months. I praise God for His mercy on me.

My wife still has pain in her shoulder and other places, and sometimes suffers from insomnia. She is planning to see her primary care physician after we finish a mission trip to the Bay Area of California in mid January. Please continue to pray earnestly that God will grant us good health so that we might continue serving Him for many more years.

New Challenge to Our College

THE SMALL ISLAND WHERE we have our Timothy and Titus training center is scheduled in June to be federalized by the US government. That means Washington will take over certain government functions including immigration and visa policy.

The current local government has been supportive in giving visas so that the Chinese pastors can come to our center for a year of training. We do not know, however, whether this supportive attitude will continue under the new federal authorities.

Over the past four years since we started the Timothy and Titus Training Program, each group of Chinese pastors has begun its year of training in July. This year, however, we plan to start training the "N Group" by June 1, 2009, before our island is federalized.

So far we have already recruited about 20 Chinese preachers to join the N Group. But we desire to recruit ten more—and we must do this soon, so they will have time to get their visas under the current policy. Therefore Dr Wei and I will travel to China next month and visit six or seven cities over a period of three to four weeks.

During the trip Dr Wei and I will also check the ministries of past Timothy and Titus graduates and visit the underground Bible schools which some of them have established. We will also talk with leaders of some private colleges in China to discuss whether we might work together in the area of higher education.

For all of this, we need the wisdom from the Lord.

Wonderful Ministry Report

ONE OF OUR "2T" GRADUATES, Brother Jedidiah, recently gave us a report of his ministry within China. He went to two locations in central China. At the first location (which is a ten-hour train ride from his home base) he preached for three days to some 200 Christian coworkers and Bible school students who came from many nearby counties.

Each day Jedediah preached five times, three times in the morning and twice in the afternoon. For his 15 messages Jedediah was led of the Spirit to focus on three topics: "Filled with the Holy Spirit," "Back to the Holy Bible," and "Biblical Separation." Because he is a true student of Bible—who reads an average of 40 chapters per day—Jedediah preached sound biblical doctrine and his audience was deeply touched. He hopes to return once or twice a year.

Each night Jedediah listened to the preaching of senior students at the Bible school, young men between the ages of 20 and 25. The church leader recommended a 24-year-old preacher for Timothy and Titus training. Jedediah spoke to him and believes he has great potential, so that Dr Wei and I will interview and test him next month when we go to China.

After preaching at the Bible school, Jedediah visited his fellow "J Group" alumnus, Jordan, in a nearby province. At first he planned to stay only one evening.

But Jordan's mother two years ago contracted an unusual blood disease, probably the first recorded case in China, and lost both her legs. The amputation was very expensive and now the disease has spread to her hands. Jordan's father is one of the main leaders of the local church and both of his parents dearly love the Lord and have faithfully served Him. And like Job in the Bible, they do not complain and still praise God.

While Jordan's father ministers to the local church and takes care of his wife, Jordan and Kai (a "K Group" graduate) lead a Bible and theology class. They invited Jedediah to stay four days and preach to the coworkers and students. Altogether Jedediah preached four days, each day four times in the morning and three times in the afternoon. The Christians were all moved by the Spirit through his messages and encouraged to continue persevering through trial.

They asked Jedediah to return during the upcoming Chinese New Year for three days of revival meetings when many Christians and coworkers and college students can attend. Though he has an infant son at home, he and his wife agreed that he should accept this invitation to preach again to these believers.

Another Blessed Report

BROTHER LUDWIG WAS ONLY 24 years old when he joined our "L Group" for training. Before his 2T training he has gone as a missionary to Pakistan and led some Muslims to Christ by using their own language.

Over the recent Christmas season Ludwig preached to many factory workers and God powerfully used him to convert 108 people to Christ. Please pray that these new believers will know the assurance of their salvation and will grow in Christ so they can lead others to Him. I thank you again for your faithful prayers and financial support for me and for our Chinese ministries. If you would like me to give your church an update on the work in China, contact me by phone at 864-292-6776 (home) or 864-430-5672 (cell), or email me at ewang@christianwaymissions.com.

May the Lord richly bless all of you!

Yours in Christ,

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