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Dear Prayer Partners in Christ:

I am pleased to report that, as we have long prayed, a second training center has now been opened for our *Timothy and Titus Training Program*. Sixteen Chinese men are now there for six months of training through March 2012.

As regular readers of this newsletter know, for the first several years of our program the Chinese pastors came for 12 months of training at our primary island base. Then because of a change in government policy, starting in 2010 we could only get 45-day visas for our trainees. So we modified our *Timothy and Titus* format to combine 45 days of classroom training with the possibility of ministerial internships in China supervised by trusted "2T" graduates.

Now with the opening of our second training center in the Philippines, we have added an exciting new feature to the "2T" program. Here is how it works:

First, our Chinese trainees will continue to start their program with 45 days of classroom training at our primary island base.

Second, as the number of "2T" graduates grows each year, so do the possibilities for arranging internships for current trainees.

Third, as we observe our trainees over the weeks and months of their training, we will select the most promising Chinese preachers to attend an additional six months of advanced training at our second center in the Philippines.

After closely observing some 50 men who attended the "O Group" and "P Group" sessions for 45 days at our primary island base, we chose 16 of these men for the advanced training program. They arrived at our second base in the Philippines in September and will study there through March.

We praise God for calling and preparing two dedicated American missionaries to supervise our second training center—which is being housed in an existing Bible school. One of our trusted "2T" graduates, Jude Yuan, has also been sent there as an interpreter and coworker. And we are grateful for the many qualified Bible professors and preachers from America who have agreed to go and teach our Chinese trainees.

The report we received about their first month of

training was very positive. Please continue to pray for these men. After being trained in sound biblical doctrine for six months, they will return to China and, we pray and expect, will impact the house church movement in a mighty way.

Recruitment of "R Group" Continues

BY THE TIME YOU READ this, I will already be with my wife in China for my 35th mission trip to that country. Altogether I plan to spend two-and-a-half months in China, primarily in recruiting the next "R Group" for the *Timothy and Titus Training Program*.

We have four recruiting locations that cover Southeast China, Southern China, Northern China, and Northeast China. To reach our goal of recruiting 32 qualified Chinese preachers, my wife and I must go to all four locations. It will be wintertime and the weather quite cold, especially in Northeast China.

At each recruiting location I will test and interview candidates and then sign contracts with those selected. Our plan is to first send the "R Group" to our primary island base for 45 days of classroom training from May 4 to June 15, 2012.

Since starting the "2T" program in 2005 we have continued to learn by experience and refine our standards. This year our recruiting standards will be the most stringent yet, so that our recruitment activities will require much hard work. Please pray that God will help us to accomplish the task.

Our Secret Bible Schools in China

WHILE IN CHINA, I HAVE promised at least two of our underground Bible schools that I will come and teach Bible doctrines for a few days. The students are very eager to hear and learn. I have been told that some students had formerly been under the influence of extreme hyper-Calvinism teachings. So I hope to show them we can depend on the scriptures alone and not on

man-made systems, and that the precious Word of God can truly change any life.

I do believe that the charge to "preach the Word of God" (2 Tim. 4:1-5) must always be center of our ministries. We pray that God will use these teaching opportunities to His glory. The students are likely to ask many tough questions and I pray God will help me overcome any difficulties.

Some Bad News to Report

A CENTURY AGO MY LATE maternal grandfather Huang Yan Pei was rescued from certain death by the Methodist missionary William Burke. His son, James Burke, told the story in his book, *My Father in China*.

In 1903 during the last days of the Qing Dynasty, the Chinese were suffering greatly and my grandfather spoke out against their oppression. He and three other comrades were jailed until an order for their execution could arrive from the capital. Three Chinese pastors heard of the situation and, knowing that government officials were afraid of foreigners, asked William Burke to intervene.

At first, however, the official in charge of the case refused Burke's request to release the prisoners on bail. But the missionary knew this official was an opium addict and, without his drug, could not maintain his concentration and resolve indefinitely. So Burke continued to press his argument until the weary official finally agreed.

When my grandfather and his comrades were released from jail, Burke and other kind people had already arranged for them to immediately board a ship

for Japan. As it happened, just 30 minutes after their release the execution order arrived from the Qing Dynasty government. But it was too late because my grandfather and his friends were already at sea.

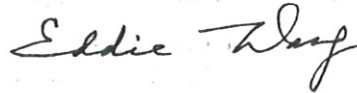
A few months later my grandfather joined the nationalist movement founded by Sun Yat-Sen, who helped overthrow the Qing Dynasty and in 1912 became the first provisional president of the Republic of China. In time, my grandfather also became a famous person in China.

Decades later I met William Burke's grandson, Edward Burke Jr., and we became very good friends. So I was saddened recently to hear of his homegoing on June 15, 2011. When I received the news I contacted his wife Julia and comforted her heart with the Word of God. Pray for Julia Burke and her family in these days of their loss.

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, please email me anytime at ewang@christianwaymissions.com. (However, during these months when I am not in the States, please do not call my home or cell phone for otherwise I will be charged large amount of money.)

May the Lord richly bless all of you!

Yours in Christ,



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