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... **Cont. Christmas Greeting**

The Bible school campus budget is costly, especially when considering my source of funding. Nevertheless, they are expecting the campus groundbreaking to happen in early 2012! They are urging me to prepare a budget, year to year, to implement all the projects they have planned. I was really very tired and this put me under heavy pressure.

Although the Lord has led me, and helped me get through each year, yet this time I am really feeling cornered. I am old indeed and my energy and strength are getting weaker day-by-day.

All around me people are joyfully plunging into the festive season: "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year". But, I feel pressured by the concerns of how to meet next year's development.

I am grateful for your abiding love and your fellowship, prayer and support. Please remember me and pray for me, I very much appreciate it.

Together in His great commission, and staying in His grace!

Brother George

From R.K.'s Corner

Steve and I extend a personal greeting to you and your family by wishing you a joyous Christmas celebration and a blessed New Year!

This year, I have asked Brother George Chen from China to send you a Christmas greeting from his part of the world. Brother George is the oldest of our active field partners. He came to faith in Jesus while a teenager after his father, a wealthy merchant in Shanghai, lost everything he owned when the communist regime seized and nationalized all private businesses and properties. Since then, Brother George has been passionately serving the Gospel in China, particularly among many of the ethnic minority groups who live in the hinterlands. The Bridge has partnered since 1992 with Brother George in financing indigenous evangelists, Bible schools, and projects that have helped prosper the church in China.

In 2012, Brother George will celebrate his 80th birthday, 60 years in ministry, and The Bridge will celebrate 20 years of partnership with him. We will then expound more on him and his ministry.

At a time when China is not seen in a favorite light, but rather with frustration and anger in the West, due to its newfound prosperity at the expense of job losses in the West, I find it important that our greeting of love and blessings come from one of our brothers in China. For those who desire to bless Brother George with a financial gift, please designate your gift "8323 China Workers". **THANK YOU — BLESSINGS!**

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The Bridge Report



*For
unto us
a Child is born,
unto us
a Son is given...*

ISAIAH 9.6A (KJV)

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who won't survive the week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of over two billion people around the world.

If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death you are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world..

If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world

If your parents and grandparents are still married and

alive, you are blessed.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed, because the majority can, but most do not..

If you can hold someone's hand and pray, hug them or even touch their shoulder you are blessed because you can offer God's healing touch.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read anything at all.

You are so blessed in ways you may never even know.

You are a blessing to others! Thanks for transmitting the Love and Light of our Lord Jesus Christ around the world through your gifts and prayers! We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Brother George Chen: Christmas Greeting from China!



Dear Brothers and Sisters:



Young University graduate attending Bible school to prepare for her call as an evangelist.

This is the season to celebrate our Savior's birth, but, instead, one may feel the commercial atmosphere of CHRISTMAS. Christmas Carols and secular songs fill the air from all sides: from shops, plazas, shopping malls, etc. Yet, this is not truly celebrating our Lord's birth upon the earth so many years ago. The purpose of this holiday flurry is only for business' sake; to win money; to prosper the market, to pump up booming buying and selling.

I just returned from Mainland China -- a Communist controlled nation. There I saw that the festivities of the Christmas season are no less prominent than in any Capitalist or Christian nation!

As Christians, we should grasp this opportunity and the seasonal event to emphasize the true meaning of Christmas to people around the world. The Christian Church in China is still prospering, and prospering mightily, with phenomenal growth and expansion of churches whether in the cities or the country side.

Recently, I visited Henan province. Every time I went into the villages, I met groups of children who gathered together to loudly sing Christmas carols in public. This always drew a crowd who stopped to listen. After singing a few songs, the carolers would stop and one of them explained the message of their songs, sharing Jesus Christ as the only Savior for sinners. Then, the listeners were invited to a nearby church to find out more about the Good News. This method worked very effectively. Quite a few people accepted the invitation and received more information about the gospel of Jesus Christ.

People outside China always wonder why the Church in China is making so much progress in spreading the gospel and winning souls for Christ's Kingdom. I tell you, the only reason for this is that all Chinese Christians, no matter how young or old, male or female,



are mobilized to preach the gospel, to win souls, to bring people to receive eternal life. This is their target. All Christians are united in obeying the Great Commission [Mt. 28:19-20]. I testify that this is happening wherever I travel inside mainland China.

I am anxious to assist Bible training projects inside China which bring

forth Biblically mature leaders. Previously, I had assisted one Bible school to add a second story to their educational building. While in China, I went to check on this project. I expressed my satisfaction in finding that it was well built and finished. The Bible school teachers very seriously and affirmatively told me, "October, next month, there will be another ninety new students admitted to the school. The new room will definitely be filled." Their main concern is not in the actual building, or its outward appearance. Their true concern is how to expand their facilities for more students to make the Kingdom of God and the Christian Church grow and flourish; how to win more souls in the very near future. I am greatly touched!

I also visited the ethnic minority clans in the high mountains in the southwest border areas. The people there are still very poor with not enough crops to sustain them for a whole year. They run short of their main food staples: rice, corn, flour and other powders. Yet they never complain about their difficult life. Their only wish is to see the Church grow with the number of believers increased. Many young believers are committed to serving as preachers or church workers. They desire to study at the Bible schools nearby, but the capacity of the schools fall short in accommodating all the new applicants.



Lisu village church—Brother George instructing the leaders.

A few years before, I had started a Bible school for the Lisu clan; an ethnic minority in the southwest border region within Buddhist Tibetan communities where the Lisu Christians are scattered. The Bible school was initially built in two stories, one level for classrooms and one level for dormitories. Not long ago, due to the increased need of students, we had added another level to the two story building making more rooms for classrooms and bedrooms.

When I was there in September 2011, I assessed the situation and had to conclude that still more room is not just necessary; an annex is extremely urgent! The believers at the Lisu Bible school presented me with a well-considered project – to build yet another building. They emphasized that making the facility a little larger or building another annex won't solve the problem. We must build another campus to meet the demand and development of the ever-growing Christian Church. I agreed with their proposal, but now the weight of responsibility falls again upon my shoulders. They are holding me liable to complete their project.