



## Impacting China For Christ: Our Heart and Hope

Hello and greetings to all! After another productive trip to China, I bring you good news about all that God is doing through our work in China. I thought I'd break the information down into the three purposes as found on our new website. By the way, if you haven't visited the website lately, let me encourage you to do so. We've just finished a complete revamp of the site! Thank you all again for your continued partnership with our work in China!

### Serving the Rapid Growth of the Church in China

As many of you already know, we have found a primary funding source for our rural Church Building project. International Cooperating Ministries (ICM) has agreed to partner together with us to build 6 Churches in rural Henan and Hubei provinces. ICM has agreed to help fund the church structure and CRC is responsible for raising the funds for additional costs like pews, sound



The current Shu An Church in Hubei province meets in a old grain storage facility with a leaky roof. Can you imagine sitting on these pews?

systems and heating/air conditioning. During the first half of my trip to China, I was visiting the church building sites to collect the necessary information needed by ICM. This was a great time not only with our Chinese pastor partners, but also to see first-hand the locations and to meet the people that will benefit from these new church buildings.

We are excited about the opportunity to partner together with ICM to build 6 Rural Churches in 2009. These churches are so needed in the rural areas of China. It is in these areas where Christianity has spread the most. As an example, a pastor reported to me on this trip that his church is baptizing 10,000 new believers every 6 months, but don't have the funds to build the churches needed. What a wonderful opportunity to serve the growth of the



Pastor Hong Sheng Liang and Deaconess Lu Xiao Hua of Shu An Church. Pastor Hong came to tears when he learned we could help him with a new Church. "Now we can stay dry while we meet!"

Church in China! ICM has told me that the first 5 churches we help to build will be the hardest. Once we get our system down, they are open to helping to build 20 churches or more in 2010! All 6 Churches should be finished by late Summer 2009.

### Fostering Constructive Western Engagement in China

During the China Trip, I had the opportunity to preach at the Tianjin International Fellowship. After the service, I sold copies of my book, The Chinese Puzzle. I'm finding that the expat community in China is a great market for the book. Also, during the trip, I had the chance to conduct the first radio interview for the new radio show (see below). It has been so great to see how God has given us a stable of tools we can use to help the Western Church best engage and pray for China and her Church. Here is a look at all the tools that we now have available. As a recipient of this newsletter, let me encourage you to use these tools yourself and challenge you to spread the word about all the tools we now have available. In my mind, there is still much work to be done in clarifying Western perceptions of China:

## Tools You Can Use to Learn About China

We believe that the two greatest obstacles of effective Western engagement in China are old persecution paradigms and lack of understanding about China today. We have worked very hard over the last 4 years to clarify Western perceptions of Christianity in China. In fact, when we were revising our mission statement, we felt compelled to include that a major reason we exist is to 'foster

## Partnering to support a viable religious freedom environment in China

On the last day of my trip, I had the distinct pleasure of meeting with Guo Wei. She works for a Chinese governmental agency called the State Administration

### Tools You Can use continued

constructive Western engagement in China.'

And if there's anyone reading this newsletter who doesn't think China is worth knowing about, consider these simple facts about China:

- \*1.3 Billion People
- \*1/5th of the World's Population
- \*4th Largest World Economy
- \*Man on the Moon by 2015
- \*Owns \$1 Trillion in U.S. Debt
- \*Over 1 Billion without Christ, with 3 million coming to Christ annually

The China Resource Center has put together a series of tools to help you know the latest information and current trends in China today. You want to engage in China most effectively and with these tools [you can!](#)

For Religious Affairs(SARA), which is a department of government under the State Council which oversees religious affairs in China. Ms. Guo is the Director of SARA's department of Foreign Affairs. Before meeting Ms. Guo, I had sent a letter to her office inquiring about the possibility of SARA and CRC working together to have joint dialogues in Beijing and Washington D.C. On the development of rule of law and religious freedom.

Our dialogue together was very refreshing, as Ms. Guo was very happy to hear that we were interested in this type of partnership. Our hope is to help Chinese government officials like Ms. Guo, and eventually her boss, Ye Xiaowen, to be able to interact with Western experts in the areas of the dialogues, which we would invite to participate. We believe that this will help the Chinese understand how to most evenly administer laws that deal with the freedom of religion in China. The next step will be for both parties to sign a letter of intent, which will bind us to certain things, as it will for them.



Mike and Guo Wei in Beijing

**Thank you all for your continued partnership with our work. Any contributions to our organization can be send in the enclosed envelope. Thanks!**

## THE CHINESE PUZZLE

MIKE FALKENSTINE, PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF CHINA RESOURCE CENTER, WROTE THIS BOOK TO HELP WESTERN CHRISTIANS LEARN ABOUT MODERN-DAY CHINA AND HER CHURCH. THINK OF THE BOOK AS A CHINA 101 COURSE. THE BOOK IS NOW BEING USED AS A PRIMARY TOOL BY MANY SENDING AGENCIES AS A PART OF THEIR NEW STAFF TRAINING.

## CHINA RESOURCE JOURNAL

THIS QUARTERLY JOURNAL IS AN ANALYSIS OF CURRENT TRENDS IN CHINA COVERING EVERYTHING FROM NEW WESTERN LED INITIATIVES TO CURRENT CHANGES IN THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. WITH SEVERAL YEARS OF BACK ISSUES, THIS IS A GREAT TOOL TO LEARN ABOUT CHINA TODAY.

## NEW RADIO SHOW

ON THE SHOW, MIKE WELCOMES GUESTS INVOLVED IN MANY DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF CHINA INVOLVEMENT. MIKE TRIES TO REVEAL NEW TRENDS IN CHINA AND ALWAYS KEEPS THE CONTENT INTERESTING AND FRESH. AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD ON THE CHINA RESOURCE CENTER WEBSITE OR BY

## YOU TUBE CHANNEL

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1. BUSTING CHINA MYTHS: A PARADIGM BREAKING SERIES
2. CRC 30-SECOND ADS: FOR USE BY THOSE SENDING TEAMS TO CHINA
3. CRC PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: IN-CHINA HIGHLIGHTS OF CRC'S WORK IN CHINA

## THE SINOPHILE BLOG

MIKE FALKENSTINE, PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF CHINA RESOURCE CENTER, REGULARLY WRITES IN THIS BLOG ABOUT THE WORK OF THE CHINA RESOURCE CENTER AND HIS OBSERVATIONS AND THOUGHTS ABOUT A CHANGING CHINA.