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China Trip



Phil and Rebecca Brown and I as we begin our adventure

My month long trip to China in June was an experience of a lifetime. Rebecca, Phil and I left for China on June the 1st in what was the longest flight I've ever been on, nearly 16 hours.

We landed in

Shanghai where we spent a day before traveling by bullet train to Nanjing for a few days of adjustment to the time change before traveling to Chengdu. While in Nanjing we visited the Temple of Confucius, a museum, the City Gate and sampled the local cuisine. Rebecca's ability to speak fluent Mandarin while also serving as our interpreter made our visit even more complete.

Our next stop was Chengdu where we would be ministering for three weeks which also was Rebecca's childhood home. The first Sunday we ministered in a large apartment on the twelfth floor. The place was packed with people from all over the city hungry to Worship and hear the Word of God. When I finished speaking, I asked if they had any questions they would like to ask. Much to my surprise, I learned they were not allowed to ask questions.

After some assurance from me that it would be quite OK, the questions came pouring in. The discussion was the very best and God helped the communication process.



Anyone have a question?

We started at 9 am followed by a noon meal that everyone seemed to have a part in the preparation. This was followed by more teaching until 5 pm.

We rested on Mondays, but had Home Bible Studies on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at different locations throughout the city.

They wanted to visit with us as much as possible and so they invited us to have dinner with them before we began the Bible Study. The meetings broke up somewhere between 10 and 11. Once the people knew it was OK to ask questions it was very hard to cut off the discussion. The hunger to learn more about the Lord and scripture became contagious, and we learned that they spent a great deal of time discussing the lessons with members of the other groups once we left.

The second Sunday I was ministering on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and was completely unaware that a woman policeman came in and was taking pictures of me while speaking. Some of the local folks in the building had reported we were too loud, and were annoying them. As they talked to her in the hallway, they learned that she was not as concerned about the complaint as much as hearing the rest of the story I was sharing. God had His hand on everything we did and He gave us favor in every way.



Fellowship -- before and after services

To me the greatest achievement came when we introduced them to altar calls. On the first Sunday when I invited people to come forward for prayer we realized they had never reached out to God this way before. Taking advantage of the teachable moment they began praying for one another and others came forward for special prayer. The second week they were anticipating the altar call and God moved in a very special way. The third Sunday service concluded with more than an hour of people reaching out to God with arms raised and tears flowing freely. They said they would never go back to the way it was before we came.

On our flight home we were extremely tired but filled with joy and a deep sense of satisfaction at all that God had accomplished while we were in China.



Members of the local church and one of the teaching sessions



Wade & Rebecca with some of the church's seniors --- River Boat Travel



If you don't want to climb the many stairs to a temple – there is a taxi for that: or if you need a refrigerator delivered – here is your delivery man.