

TO CHINA WITH TRUTH

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• This month was ushered in by the celebration of **[Chinese New Year]**! Fireworks continuously lit up the sky and rang in our ears for hours on end. China is an amazing country with wonderful people and a rich history. Would you consider giving your life to serve as a missionary in China? • Since everything that transpired in Dalian last month with the church being packed up, a raid attempt, and two arrests, the church has been doing well! During Chinese New Year, many people travel to be with family for the holiday. However, God worked it out that the only church people that wouldn't be leaving the city to celebrate the new year were two families that are both our neighbors! Because of this, we were able to **[lead the service]** on the first Sunday of the month. Our neighbors, XúTíng and YǐNà, that got saved and baptized last year graciously opened up their home for us to hold the small service. Aside from their family, the lady who opened up her home to host the service directly after we packed up the church came and brought her grandmother who was in town for the holiday. We started the service off by sharing with them that we believed God was directing our steps to move to another city. They all understood and were so gracious. They offered to help us with every detail of the move and transition. Tears were shed as we began to sing in worship to the God that had become the unifying factor between us to make us close friends. After the singing, I tried my best to preach a message to encourage them that God is in control and victorious. • Before moving, we invited the church members to a dinner to be able to say goodbye

and thank them for all the help and encouragement they had given us. After dinner, one of the ladies suggested we all sing a song to send us off called "Chāi Wǒ" which means "Send Me." It's a song asking God to send us **[wherever He wants]** us to go. What an encouragement to have the church sing that for us, recognizing that through circumstances such as these, God was sending our family where He wanted us to go. Over the following weeks, more and more church members began to come back into town and are continuing to meet together in homes. As for us, we packed up our home and moved to Qīngdǎo. • The remainder of the month was spent setting up our home, figuring out a language school set up, and familiarizing ourselves with the city. We are so thankful for having had the Tolson family available when

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we first arrived to China. Starting over in a city where we know nothing and nobody has proven quite a challenge! **[Thank you]** to each and everyone of you that has prayed for us- we have needed them all!

[Praises]

- The church continuing strong
- The Lord providing for our move

[Requests]

- Continued set up and schooling situation
- The church in Dalian and for ministry here