

TO CHINA WITH TRUTH

the de los Reyes family
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• This month Beth gave birth to our third child, a baby girl- **[Zion Just]**! We praise God for the life of this child. You may recall that during the beginning of the pregnancy, Beth had to be on bedrest because of some complications. We had prayed over the health of this baby for a long time and God blessed us with a healthy girl! • This month I was able to start studying the Bible with MèngChū! We meet at his bakery and go through a book of foundational Bible lessons. These are the same lessons that we used to study the Bible with people in the last city, Dalian. I was able to give him a Bible as well. He told me that he grew up right around a government church and used to play right outside its doorsteps but never attended. He said that he doesn't believe in anything because he's never read the Bible and never had an opportunity to **[choose a faith]**. Please pray that we can continue this Bible study and that MèngChū will choose to believe in Jesus!

• This month I met a man named Mr. Wáng while out practicing Chinese. He invited me in his store to chat over tea. As we talked, I told him that I am a Christian and to my surprise, he seemed very interested and kept asking me about what I believe, listening intently. I took out my Bible. He asked me if I am a Jehovah's Witness, why I'm not, and how what they believe is different than what I believe. I answered his questions as he listened closely. "Ok," he said, "let me see if your Bible is right." He stood up and from behind his desk, pulls out his own old Bible. He takes mine

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and begins comparing certain verses. Here's his story. He's a Christian. Got saved at 8. His dad was a preacher. Preached in a circuit of underground churches in another city. When he was 15, the government told his father to join the government church. He refused because he believed it wasn't true Christianity. His father was imprisoned for a year. Soon after that, this man moved away to Dalian and a group of underground churches there took care of him. He moved to Qingdao when he was 22, got married, and settled into a normal routine of life. He lived away from his wife for a period of time for work as

is common for many Chinese families. During that time, Jehovah's Witnesses came to his wife and began bringing her to their church. When he returned he attended this "church." He soon realized they taught false doctrines and took her away from there. Because he refuses to go to any more government churches and doesn't know of a single underground church, he and his wife just read the Bible together at home. I say, "I came to China to start underground churches." His eyes lit up.

"Then us meeting was **[surely God's plan]**." He said his dad always really wanted him to be a preacher. When he was 17 he really wanted to be a preacher. He feels bad that his walk with God hasn't been strong since his days watching his dad preach and being in Dalian. "I think God can really use you," I tell him, "this city needs people to preach the gospel." He responded, "Then let's pray hard and see what God has planned for us."

[Praises]

- Baby Zion!
- Bible study started!
- Meeting Mr. Wáng!

[Requests]

- Permanent residency
- MèngChū's salvation
- Mr. Wáng to train to be a pastor

Pictured: Mr. Wáng playing guitar when we first met for tea together.