

TO CHINA WITH TRUTH

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• This month we had the opportunity to celebrate both Good Friday and Easter as a family at the home of Beth's parents. We observed the Lord's Supper on Friday and sang and learned about His resurrection on Easter! Praise our risen Savior! This month, one of the topics for the Bible study was a lesson about what Easter is. None of them knew what Easter was about and some had [never even heard of Easter] before. It was exciting to get to read the passages of Scripture that retell Jesus' resurrection together. I'd ask them to read just a few verses before focusing in on that part of the story and teaching a little on that section. However, they'd often get so caught up in the story and read far past the assigned verse to read. They enjoyed learning the ins and outs of the Easter story for the first time! • This month there was a pretty big mountain fire in Qingdao. It was started accidentally by a woman who was performing a personal Buddhist worship ceremony. In Buddhism, they worship their ancestors. One of the ways they do so is by burning special paper that symbolizes the things they are sending to their ancestors in the afterlife. The wind blew this fire into the surrounding trees and it quickly spread. Nobody was reported harmed, praise the Lord! Please pray for the people of Qingdao to not only be spared from a mountain fire, but from [eternal fire] through salvation in Jesus. Although the area the fire was in is about a 40 minute drive from our house, we frequent that area, especially on our family days. • This month, during one of our Bible studies, we were discussing how, after being saved, our lives should be changing. One of the members spoke up and share how they, before being saved, would [always get angry]. Though this individual still gets angry, they shared that they have learned it's similar to

killing someone and it's wrong. They have been seeing their life change because of their relationship with God and reading His Word.

Praise God! Please continue to pray for the growth of the Bible study members! • This month we heard that the Chinese police in Dalian (where we used to live) have a list of names of individuals they are going to seek to arrest in May. Two of our Chinese pastor friends' names were [on the list], as well as our teammate Kanon Bloom. Kanon is safe in the U.S., one Chinese pastor was able to get his name removed, but the other, Lebron, had to take precautions. At the end of this month, he and his family left Dalian for a while and went to our house in Qingdao to wait out the time when the police are supposed to be looking to arrest them in Dalian. Please pray for their safety! • One day, here in

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the U.S. I had the opportunity to share the gospel with a man named Frank. Frank admitted [he was a sinner] and heard how He could be saved. Please pray for Frank's salvation. • China currently has a ban on foreigners traveling in to the country due to COVID-19. Please pray for this ban to be lifted soon as we were planning on returning to China at the end of June, and for our paperwork to be finished in time!

[Praises]

- Risen Savior!
- Interest and growth of Bible study members

[Requests]

- Frank's salvation
- Safety for Lebron and others
- Salvation of more in Qingdao and around the world

Pictured: The mountain fire in the Huang Dao region of Qingdao