

# TO CHINA WITH TRUTH

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• This month, I had the opportunity to teach the Bible lesson during the Wednesday night Zoom call for the youth group that I grew up in in Maryland. I was honored to have been invited to be a guest speaker for the service as that church and youth group are especially dear to my heart. It was in that youth group that I was born again. It was during that time that I began to truly grow and know my Savior. I grew up in that church ever since I was born, but it wasn't until I was 14 and in that youth group that I actually got saved. Because of this, I took the opportunity to speak to the youth about the difference between appearing to have a relationship with God and **[actually having a relationship with God]**. I was able to encourage any that may be like I was when I was in their shoes, to get saved and have a true relationship with Jesus. It was a blessing to see that one of my friends that had grown up in the church and youth group too was the one

leading the service as well. Please pray for those teenagers to grow in their walks with the Lord and to know Him as their Savior if there are any who don't yet. • This month, members of our Bible study were able to ask questions about and/or discuss **[things going on in their lives]**. They asked questions about what the Bible teaches about divorce, premarital sex, what it means that you can tell a true Christian by their fruits, what is a scribe, who is Emmanuel, what they should say when people are talking

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negatively about Christianity, what it means to serve God rather than mammon, and how to be able to tell which one you are serving. Please pray for them as they continue to learn about God and grow in Him! • This month our youngest child, Zion Just, celebrated her first birthday! Focusing on her birth and life automatically causes us to focus on God. Some of you may remember that a few months after finding out we were expecting Zion, the pregnancy turned extremely high risk. Though Beth, herself, felt fine, she had to remain on bed rest for months to protect Zion from losing her life. This caused a lot of difficulties and the hospital's

Chinese nurses and acquaintances we had encouraged us to abort Zion. "You already have two, two is enough. Why would you inconvenience your life this much? If this happened to a Chinese person, we'd just give up and have the abortion." After months of bedrest, God saw fit to fix the situation and save Zion's life. Today she is happy, healthy, and strong. But only because **[our God is strong]**. • This month I had the opportunity to share the gospel with a young man named Jonathan. His life is a bit of a mess as he told me he was messing up, bouncing from one place to another doing drugs that day. Please pray that a seed has been planted in his heart and that he'd find life and salvation in Jesus. • We had originally planned on returning to China in June, but currently, there is still a travel ban on foreigners desiring to come to China. Please pray for God to **[open this door]** back up soon so we can continue to serve the Lord in China!

### [Praises]

- Opportunity to teach youth group
- Zion Just de los Reyes

### [Requests]

- Jonathan's salvation
- Growth of Bible study members
- China to open it's doors soon

Pictured: The Wednesday night Zoom call with my old youth group