

# TO CHINA WITH TRUTH

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• Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our friends, family, and partners in ministry! • This month we celebrated Eden, our oldest daughter's 5th birthday. She is a blessing and her birth story is a miracle. This time is [now a reminder] of when our friends in QīngDǎo got saved. They head the gospel at Eden's birthday party and went home that weekend and trusted Jesus. Praise the Lord that they have been faithfully growing and studying the Bible ever since! • This month we've started trying to find another way to get back into China. Since finding a teaching job in our situation has proved unfruitful thus far, we started looking into other avenues to obtain visas. One option that we have found is to start a company. Once the company is registered, the company can invite us to come to China and thus, qualify for obtaining a visa. Lebron, one of our Chinese pastor friends in China, helped connect me with an agent that has been helping me with the process of [starting a company]. Lord willing, each step of this process will go over smoothly. Please pray that we are able to return to China as soon as possible! • This whole time that we have been in America, our home in China has been still sitting there waiting until we're able to return to it. The contract on the apartment is almost up so I reached out to the landlord this month. She said we'd be able to to renew the contract even though we're not there. Also, she said that the rent was supposed to go up but because of the coronavirus outbreak this year, the rent [isn't going to increase]. We miss our home in China and are thankful that it will continue to remain waiting for us to return. • This month, before we started going through the discipleship lesson for the day, we were talking about Christmas. I asked them if they knew the story of Christmas, about Jesus' birth. "No, we've

[only heard about Santa Clause] and giving gifts," they said. So I put together a lesson about the Christmas story and about the prophecies fulfilled by Jesus' birth. One of the times, Yi Jūn, the husband in the group who travels for work, was in his own screen for our online Bible study which meant he was away for work. Last time he had told us that when he is away for work they usually sleep at the company office and so couldn't join the Bible study at those times. This time, they put him in a hotel so he was

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able to join us in studying more about Jesus's birth being the fulfillment of the promised Messiah. Please continue to pray for their growth! • This month we found out that our family will be growing by [another baby girl]! Beth is expecting and is about 4 months along this month. She had some complications and had to be on bed rest for a few months. Praise the Lord she is feeling better and has been able to walk around and do her life as normal this month!

### [Praises]

- Eden's birthday and friends getting saved and growing!
- Apartment rent not going up and able to renew contract!
- Baby girl on the way!
- Beth feeling better!

### [Requests]

- Either a school to hire me or the business be able to grant us visas, or another way to go back to China
- Process of starting a company to go smoothly
- Bible study members' growth
- China's borders to open soon

Pictured: First Bible study after they got saved Dec 2019 and most recent Dec 2020