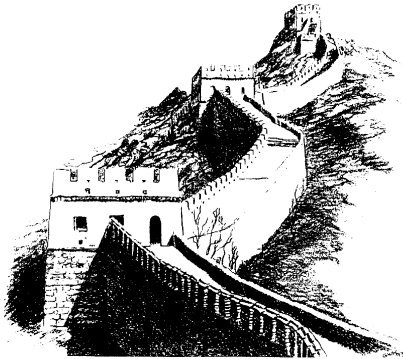


DEREK PRINCE MINISTRIES – CHINA

QUARTERLY PRAYER LETTER



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Precious Gifts

During his most recent visit to China, our literature co-ordinator John met with a Christian brother who represented a group of house churches. This brother was offering to help us print books in his city, so John asked him how many of the books he could use for his own church network. “How many can I have?” this brother replied. After some discussion, as John continued to press him for a figure, the brother said that he could print and distribute 200,000 books each month for his network alone. Somewhat in shock, John realised that responding to this brother’s request alone would entail a doubling of our annual printing targets! *“If one group can use this amount of materials,”* John commented, *“then we should earnestly pray for more resources to help meet that need.”*

This year, the main focus of our literature ministry has been on the “Focus on Foundations” project. Through this project we want to place copies of three foundational teaching books – *‘Self-Study Bible Course’*, *‘Faith to Live By’* and the *‘Foundation Series’* – in the hands of believers in China. The church leader mentioned above had already seen this ‘Foundations’ pack, so John asked him for his opinion of it. It turned out that the leadership of his national church network had met together in May this year and talked about possible training materials for their co-workers. In the end they had decided to make the ‘Foundations’ pack the mainstay of their training curriculum. The brother asked if he could have 10,000 copies of the pack for their upcoming training programmes in Gansu province and Inner Mongolia. We were delighted to be able to meet that need.



After mentioning the three ‘Foundations’ books, this brother went on to list other titles that he really liked. The list started off as a “top five”, but kept growing! He mentioned *‘Praying for the Government’*, *‘Spiritual Warfare’*, *‘Baptism in the Holy Spirit’*, *‘The Holy Spirit in You’*, *‘Fatherhood’*, *‘How to Pass from Curse to Blessing’*, *‘If You Want God’s Best’*, *‘Does Your Tongue Need Healing’*, *‘God’s Remedy for*

Rejection, *The Marriage Covenant*, *God is a Matchmaker*, *The Church*, *Blessing or Curse: You Can Choose*... "We need them all and love them all," he concluded. We can safely say that he is a real fan of Derek's teaching!

In another city, John met with a lady who has been printing our books for some time. She had a very moving story to tell. A few weeks before, she had sent a small box of



books to a village in central China. It was the first time she had sent any to this location, so shortly afterwards she phoned to make sure the books had arrived and see if the materials had been helpful.

When the village contact realised who was on the phone, she burst into tears. "No one has ever given us such a precious gift," she said between sobs. "We have never seen such books before. Even though we had heard that they are available in some places in China, we have never seen them. We are too poor to buy them. If we had money, we would probably have to spend it on food. We cannot thank you enough for the gifts you sent us.

Please let the people overseas know how

grateful we are for their gifts. Can you bring the people to our village so we can meet them and show our appreciation directly?"

Sadly, of course, we cannot take you all to this village to introduce you to the people there. However, John and another co-worker hope to be able to visit them this month on your behalf. Please do pray for that special meeting.

We are now in the midst of planning our printing schedule for 2008. Uppermost in our minds are the many contacts who have told us, "There aren't enough books to go round." It is not easy to balance this constant and growing demand with the limited funds that are available. So we do ask for great wisdom as we decide on our focus for the coming year.

Praise God that Derek's books are having a real impact in China. Pray that each book would continue to touch lives and help build His Church.

Pray for the house church network that is using our 'Foundations' pack for their training programmes. Pray for the village believers for whom our books were the very first Christian teaching materials they had ever received. Pray too for our co-workers' visit to that village this month.

Pray for wisdom as we plan which books to print in 2008. Pray also for the finance to enable us to print many more copies of these books and thus do more to help meet the tremendous need we constantly hear about.

Radio Sermons

"I am a new worker who just turned to the Lord not long ago. The person who gave me the Gospel does not have much theological knowledge and what he can teach me

is limited. After I heard your teachings on the radio, I have been enlightened. My faith is gradually strengthened.”



“I heard a sermon of yours on the radio and felt I have gained a lot from it. You explained the profound in simple terms.”

“I am a listener of your radio programme. It is my favourite thing to do each day.”

“You are up to the 27th session on the ‘Workman God Approves’ series. Each time I listen very attentively and have gained a lot. As long as this programme is on, I shall keep on listening to your teaching. Thank God for your wonderful teachings.”

Derek’s radio programmes, broadcast via the Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC),

continue to be popular and greatly appreciated, as shown by the letters quoted above. One listener recently complained that the programmes were not being broadcast often enough and asked us to increase our schedule! Others write in asking for written copies of Derek’s materials, so they can study in greater detail in between the radio broadcasts.

Sadly, some in authority in China, including the occasional official church leader, have warned believers not to listen to Christian programmes broadcast from overseas. Brother Feng wrote to us recently to tell us how upset he was that his church leader had said not to listen to the radio programmes nor to read books from overseas. But Brother Feng continued, *“I really need to read God’s Word even more and do according to what the Word says... Please send me more materials to help me understand the Word better and be a good believer pleasing to the Lord.”*

This year the radio programmes are available on the FEBC website, as well as through the broadcasts. Initial feedback has been positive and each month between two and four hundred copies of the radio programmes have been downloaded from FEBC, with the number gradually increasing.

Give thanks to God for all those who have benefited from Derek’s radio programmes. Pray that many more might be built up in their faith through these broadcasts.

Pray for wisdom for those in China who have been told not to listen to Christian radio from overseas. Pray that they might know the Lord’s clear guidance in this. Pray that those in authority who speak out against the broadcasts might repent and come to realise the very positive impact of the programmes.

Pray that more of those who have access to the Internet might hear of the availability of Derek’s online materials and download them for themselves and their friends.

CD Production

Thank you so much for your prayers concerning the issue of getting sufficient funds into China to cover payments for the production of Derek's audio and video materials on CD at our copying facility. This problem has now been solved and a large number of CDs are being produced. So far this year, our China-based co-workers have been copying and distributing between 45,000 and 50,000 CDs of Derek's teaching materials each month. We really praise God for this very successful project.

This month we will start production of DVDs in another city in China. DVDs can hold more material than the video CDs we have been producing up to now, so this will help us to distribute more of Derek's materials for the same amount of money. We now have ten new videos available of Derek's teaching that have been dubbed in Mandarin Chinese by one of our Chinese co-workers, so we look forward to distributing these more widely around China.



Thank God for opening the way for us to get sufficient funds into China for the audio and video CD production. Praise Him for the large number of CDs that have been copied and distributed this year and pray for more funds to come in to enable us to continue production.

Pray for the Lord's Hand of protection to be upon this copying facility and upon the new DVD facility in another city in China. Pray for each co-worker to be kept safe and for every CD and DVD to reach the hands of those who most need them. Pray that the lives of those who receive them might be truly transformed and that each person might be an effective witness for the Lord.

"There is now a lot in the world that takes people away from the truth. The world is getting more and more corrupt. We need to speed up the pace of our preaching of the Gospel," a young student, Brother Wang, recently wrote to us. May we respond to his challenge with an increase in both prayer and financial giving for the extension of God's Kingdom in China.

Your brother in Christ,

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