

DEREK PRINCE MINISTRIES

CHINA PRAYER LETTER

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Hungry for God's Word...

"We live in rural Hubei province. We have a lot of brothers and sisters in Christ. The majority are women and most are older in age. They have time and they have the Bible. What they need are Bible teachers.



Bible teaching programmes are popular and catch the attention of brothers and sisters who are hungry for God's Word. They trust what is broadcast. May I urge you to add more Bible teaching time in your programmes to satisfy the hunger of our brothers and sisters and to stop heresy from spreading. Broadcast truths from the Bible so that brothers and sisters will put what they learn into practice and know the truths. They will grow spiritually."

This letter sent to the Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC), which broadcasts Derek Prince's radio programmes into China, reminds us of the urgent need for good Biblical teaching in China.

The church in China continues to grow rapidly. China's Christians are willing and enthusiastic in sharing the Gospel, but the believers so often lack a clear understanding of their new-found faith. There are so few who can adequately disciple new believers and lead them into a mature faith.

Desiring to Know More...

Many of the letters written by the Christians in China contain questions about the Bible's teaching and how to live the Christian life. Others show a clear lack of understanding of Biblical truth in lives that are so often filled with much pain:

"I have believed in God for many years, but my spiritual life hasn't grown much. I prayed that God would give me a baby, but He didn't answer me. Please pray for me. No matter what sin I have, God, please don't punish me in this way."

"Can Christians listen to rock 'n' roll? More and more churches are using bands to worship. This couple say the foundation of band sound is to worship Satan."

"I am writing this letter in a helpless situation. I really don't know how my sin can be forgiven. I had an affair and did something very shameful. Now I am back to my original life, but deep in my heart I am still tortured by that memory. I don't know how



I can go back to the past and make myself pure again and how to remove the dirt. I want to remove my sin and come to God again. How can I make myself pure? Do I need to get baptised again?"

"I want to die before I wake up. My life has not been under my control since I was born. I will go to hell if I commit suicide, but it is better to die than to live. Since I was in junior high school, I have been working hard to change my life and do what I want. Even after graduation, things still haven't changed. I want to find a job. I need to save money for marriage. I am so tired. I can't go to heaven or hell."

"I am so hurt. I know he won't come back to me. I know he has dumped me. But I still want God to change his mind and bring him back. I feel so hurt and sad. Is it because we had intimate relations before marriage that God doesn't bless me? Is it God's punishment to me? Why does God prepare so many good things for him? God gave him a chance to receive training overseas for a year. He got a good job. I am God's child but He doesn't help me. Why can't He see His daughter being dumped and hurt like this? How can I pray to God? Will God still bless me and help me? I know God will not bless me. Please help me.

"I am eager to have a baby. I have been married for two years but I still haven't had a baby. Every time others ask me about it, I feel so ashamed. I am so anxious. Faith is an end to my anxiety, but anxiety is also an end to my faith. When I think of the faith of Hannah, I am determined to also be a faithful woman. But what can I do about my husband and parents-in-law? They are so anxious. He might divorce me because of this. I have nothing here but God. I feel so lonely. I don't want to go to church anymore. I don't like praying and reading the Bible anymore. I feel angry in my heart. I know it is due to my weakness, but I can't be strong. What should I do?"



Our Response...

It is in response to letters like these and the heart cries of our brothers and sisters in China that we at Derek Prince Ministries continue to press on to get Biblical teaching materials into the hands of Chinese Christians.

This year we have four books newly available in Chinese, which we believe will be a real help and blessing to the believers in China. 'Declaring God's Word', 'Secrets of a Prayer Warrior', 'Power in His Name' and 'Called to Conquer' are all being printed and distributed in China for the first time this year.

We're also delighted to have a new printer join our team inside China. This will widen our distribution network and enable us to print more books as finances become available.

As well as the books, audio and video DVDs of Derek Prince's teaching are also constantly being duplicated and distributed in China.

And each week, two 30-minute radio programmes are broadcast across China. They can be listened to live or downloaded from the FEBC website, as well as other Chinese language websites.

Our literature coordinator has shared that, *"There have been many verbal testimonies given to me and my co-workers on the love and power of God that has been experienced through Derek's materials."*



Security remains an issue in China and we had to stop printing for a month because of a heavy security crackdown. We try to always be extremely security conscious and do all we can to protect our printers, distributors and other contacts. They let us know when they think it is not safe to print materials or distribute to certain areas, and we take their advice very seriously. At the same time, they are often the ones who are urging us to produce more materials because of the urgent demand!

Please pray...

While we do what we can practically to protect, support and provide for our contacts, we and they both believe that our most important task is to lift them up in prayer. As we cry out to the Almighty, we know that He is able to do more than we could ever ask or imagine. Thank you for all you do to stand with us in this important task. Please do keep on pressing through in prayer!

Praise God that the church in China is growing at a rapid rate and pray for the many millions of people who so desperately need good Biblical teaching. Pray specifically for the believers whose letters are quoted in this update. Pray that DPM's materials will be safely delivered to the country areas where the need is often greatest.

Pray that many more people will be encouraged, strengthened and spurred on in their faith through the radio programmes broadcast into China. Pray for new listeners to discover the radio broadcasts both over the airwaves and through the Internet.

Pray for wide and effective distribution of the first Chinese copies of 'Declaring God's Word', 'Secrets of a Prayer Warrior', 'Power in His Name' and 'Called to Conquer'.



Give thanks for the new printer who has joined our in-China team and please press on in prayer for protection over all our co-workers and over all DPM's materials as they are distributed far and wide across China. One contact in Northwest China recently asked us not to ship books to him at present because of a tense security situation. Please remember him.

It would be good to spread our printing locations as widely as possible across China, both for security reasons and so that our materials can reach an ever larger audience. Pray for open doors and God's guidance in this.

Pray that we will continue to see the Lord supply financially so that we can seek to meet the needs of our Chinese brothers and sisters.

Thank you!

Your brother in Christ,

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