



**Michigan  
Ministry  
Moments**

*The 3M's; Spring-Summer 2020*

Dear Missions Team @ AACRC,

We think of you often and hope you are staying safe in these in these days of coping with the threat Covid-19 pandemic. We are all seeking and finding alternative ways to stay connected

**COM Staff Conference:** This is an annual, event where all of our campus ministry staffs from all over the US and Canada gather for a week of Bible teaching, Returnee ministry, Security issues, Administrative details. There were also times for staffers to gather by area for prayer and exchange ideas. This year was different because we were meeting on line from our home or office not face to face. During the meeting 13 NEW Campus Staff were introduced. They will begin their ministry at various campuses around the country



**New Brand Label Announced:** At this year's COM Staff Conference the new "China Friends" Brand Label was introduced. It is not replacing the China Outreach Ministries Logo. It is something we have been needing to help us be more approachable by the students and scholars. In the beginning we want to first be a friend when they are far from home; getting them to know and trust us and then look for an opportunity to share our Christian faith with them. So, China Outreach Ministries remains as our ministry organization. China Friends is a Brand label we will use for local Campus purposes. It is like Chevrolet is to General Motors.

**The COVID-19 Virus:** shocked the world and took us all by surprise. Overnight it became impossible to meet face to face with our students. The advice we were given was "stay home and stay safe". If you must go outside implement "social distancing and wear a facial mask". We were amazed when 2 friends in China told us they were sending us about 2,000 masks. We were blessed to have these to give out to whom ever needed them.

Thanks to our Tech savvy team we are able to continue meeting our students for Bible studies and English class using Zoom conferencing. This has turned out to be a huge benefit to all of our team and to our students both here and some that have returned to China. We have noticed that meeting in smaller groups we can develop closer relationships with people because we are spending more personal time together each week. Some back in China are inviting their friends and colleges to join our study groups. What a blessing this has turned out to be for our ministry.

## **Our Joys and Blessings from God:**

We are rejoicing and welcoming a new life in Christ. J-Ling was baptized in June. It has been so exciting watching her grow in her Christian walk.. Please pray for her as she and her husband are going back to China and facing many challenges.

Also, T-Ling is also a new Christian and has been a kindred spirit with Mary and loves studying the Bible on zoom with her. Through her, we are now doing the Alpha study with her students and boyfriends.

A former visiting scholar that was here in 2017 and regularly attended Bible study in our home, contacted me recently saying *"I need to talk to you"*. Since returning to China he has gotten married and he told me the Bible I gave him *"helped me a lot"* They both want to learn the Bible with us. We never know for sure how God will use what we do this year to make a difference in someone's life in the future.

### Prayer Request:

- For Jia and others returning home. That they will meet and connect with Christians where they live.
- For new friendships to develop here and in China.
- For more staff to work alongside of us.
- For good health to do His work.

We thank you for your friendship and partnership in this vital and timely ministry. We need to do more now; especially at this time when the government in China is placing more and more restrictions on the church and with this terrible virus to deal with.

In His service,

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