



**Michigan  
Ministry  
Moments**  
*The 3M's; Fall 2020*

**Dear friends that pray and support our ministry with China Outreach Ministries.**

**Answered the call:**

It has been 18 years since we first heard of COM. It was not a common practice for us to travel 23 miles to attend the Sunday evening church gathering at Calvary Bible Church but we are thankful that we did this time. That evening we heard Brent Hoover tell about his Missionary work here on the U of M campus with the Chinese. We decided we should at least talk with Brent and get more information and possibly volunteer to help him in some way. We did not know what God's plan for our life was at that time. But God did! His plan was for us to be reaching out and sharing the Love of Christ with Chinese students, scholars and their families here at the U of M. It has become an important part of our Christian life.

**A challenging year:**

2020 has been a very strange and unusual time with Covid-19 sweeping across the country and around the world. It has changed the way we do life in just about every aspect. For example: Covid-19 comes with limitations on meeting in groups face to face. In addition, there are no new Chinese students coming to any of our campuses. So, we are all very busy implementing a "New Way of Life" into our ministry using new technology online. We are using "Zoom" and finding it is the "silver lining" on an otherwise very black cloud. We are re-connecting with many friends that are now back in China and having Bible studies one-on-one and in groups. We have no idea about all of the upsetting and uncertain things going on around us not only here in North America but around the world. But God does!

**From Buddhist to teaching in a Christian Seminary. The work of the Holy Spirit changed everything:**

It's been 10 years and we give praise to God for the great things He has done and is doing through the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we don't understand the way God works to draw those who are far from him into a close and living relationship with himself.

On October 16, 2010 we received a phone call that said some visiting Scholars from China and the U of M were involved in a car accident and that two of them died. XU Ran was one of them. Only a few days earlier, I had taken her and three friends shopping and helped her purchase a mattress. After her death, her parents came to Ann Arbor and decided to have a funeral here for their beautiful daughter.

The next night we had planned to have our COM outreach dinner and had already scheduled two testimonies about their Christian experience. We asked the parents if they would like to attend and they said they would. Neither one spoke much English so fortunately we had a Chinese

volunteer there to interpret for them. God moved Lynn to give the girl's father a bilingual Bible as a gift during the introduction time and he started reading it right away.

To make a long story short when they returned to China they were guided by the Holy Spirit to a Christian church. Here they found love, compassion, healing and Jesus. A few months later they were Baptized and began counseling parents who had also lost their only child and were grieving as they had grieved. A short time later Xu Bin attended seminary and is now teaching in a Christian seminary in China. He told me recently that he still carries that Bible with him.

Open attached video to hear their story (10 minutes)



We can only imagine how many lives will be touched as a result of God's allowing this tragic loss that changed everything for this family years ago.

We thank you for your friendship and partnership in this vital and timely ministry.

Please pray:

- For all our families who are trying to figure ways of gathering together for the holidays.
- Especially now when the government in China is placing more restrictions on Christians.
- For new ways to keep connecting with the Chinese who are here and also those who are back in China
- For our ability to continue reaching out and connecting and serving our China Friends.

*In His service,*

*Lynn and Mary*

COM Team Leaders @

The University of Michigan

*Our Mission work is made possible through donations from friends like you. Thank you!  
If God is moving you to be part of our financial support team, Great! A one time gift or regular monthly donations, either is fine. Here are a couple of ways you can support our ministry,*

- On line at [www.chinaoutreach.org](http://www.chinaoutreach.org) Choose Lynn and Mary Degener
- Mail your check directly to: China Outreach Ministries  
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