



Our vision for sharing with our dear Friends in Christ Jesus

Our dear friends in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

After 6 months of waiting and praying, God finally brought us into Ambassadors for Christ International-USA. And the vision for us is also very clear: 1, preach revival messages among churches; and 2, help church families through our biblical marriage ministry. For these, we are very grateful to our faithful Lord.

On Dec 31, 2011, Pastor Mark and Pastor Jerry sent our family to the Evangelical Institute of Greenville, SC. The first thing I saw there were a bunch of big fallen trees, laying on the ground everywhere, from a previous ice storm. It took us 3 months to clean it up.

One evening after dinner, I walked out of the dining room to the deck behind it with my wife, Jianhua. Looking at the huge tall trees on the ground, Jianhua asked me: WHAT DO YOU SEE IN FRONT OF US? I see big fallen trees! And that started a conversation... WHY DID THEY FALL? Because their roots are too shallow. WHY ARE THEIR ROOTS TOO SHALLOW? WHY DON'T THEY GO DEEP?

Jianhua told me the answer: BECAUSE THE SURFACE IS SOFT, EASY AND RICH. THE MORE THAT THE TREES CAN FIND SUFFICIENT SUPPLIES ON THE SURFACE, THE MORE THAT THE ROOTS GROW ALONG THE SURFACE AND HAVE NO NEED AND NO WILL TO GO DOWN DEEP WHERE THEY CAN BECOME STRONG AND SECURE. THE TREES WERE FOOLED BY THE EASY-TO-GET-TO SURFACE SUPPLIES AND THAT'S WHY THEIR ROOTS REMAINED SHALLOW AND WEAK. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY WERE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND THE STRONG WINDS OF THE ICE STORM AND THEY FELL.

Sadly also, that's the picture of the churches in America as well.

A few weeks ago, I met two old pastors at a conference in the Stephen Olford center, Memphis. One pastor told me that more than 40% of today's church people in America don't read the Bible and have no interest to the Word of God. The other

pastor told me that only 5% of today's pastors were called by God to serve while 95% of them were either called by themselves or called by other people to be pastors. Many of them went to college or seminary for a degree when they were young, and depending on that, they then go find a pastor's job and get a good salary.

This is why so many of today's American churches are run like companies. They pursue SUCCESS: big church buildings, big numbers of members and big money. In turn, other churches try to copy these 'successful' churches. They try to attract believers of other churches to transfer them to their churches and they excitedly announce to the church: "our church is growing!"

On the other hand, they don't actually have much of a burden to the lost souls..... most of the church members lack an experience with God. In other words, Christianity to them is a just a religion not a life experience. They grow up with hearing of God and his work and his word, but they have no experience with God, and therefore, they don't really have much interest in God. They do have a lot of knowledge about God in their mind, but they know very little about God from their heart. Therefore, many, many "Christians" don't really know God.

I feel very sad to see so many people live in this religious church culture, but know God not. They think they are saved through attending church activities regularly, but live a life without Christ. They think it is OK, but it is not. They think they will go to Heaven after they die, but they could not and they will not be there. The Lord said to these people in Rev 3:15-17, "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm--neither hot nor cold--I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked".

Another reason for today's lukewarm church situation is that many people of God forget God's benefits for them. When their wounds were healed, when the scabs fell off, they forgot their pain, they forgot their healer who delivered them out of pain and danger, just like the prophet Jeremiah even wrote: ***"Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number"*** (Jer 2:32).

But, God is not like man, He is merciful and gracious, He told us through His everlasting word: ***"Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you"*** (Isa 49:15).

Dear friends in Christ, people need to experience God, only through experiencing Him and His word in the Bible, can we truly know Him; His character, His power, mercy, love, His presence and His faithfulness, and how true His word is! Based on

this, they can truly love God through fearing Him, thanking Him, obeying His word, worshiping and serving Him from heart and depending on Him in their daily life for the glory of God. And this has burdened my heart all these years.

Whenever there is a funeral going on in the church, I couldn't help thinking if this person is saved. If not, though the funeral is held in the church, though the pastor and witnesses talk a lot about his/her good doings in life, though many of his/her relatives and friends say that they would see him/her someday in Heaven, they could not and they will not.

Somebody needs to wake them up, somebody needs to sound the warning bell and somebody needs to rebuke and lead them to repent to be saved. I feel strongly about the verse in Luke 4:18-19: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Like Isaiah, I heard the Lord's calling: Isa 6:8: "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me, Lord!"

For this, I ask God to give me open doors to speak; to give me boldness to fear no man; to give me Faith to trust and rely on Him alone; to keep my family from the evil ones and to give me team members to support me. I pray that my dear loving God will give this vision to the many who truly love Him and call them to join this ministry together to witness Christ and save the lost souls. ARE YOU ONE OF THEM? I HOPE YOU ARE!

My prayer is that no matter if we are a big tree or a small tree, we will all deeply root in Christ; in the personal relationship with the Savior, in the living word of God, no matter how many ice-storms we are going to go through, we all will finally stand straight to welcome our dear Jesus' second coming. By then, we can say to the Lord: "My dear Jesus, it is by your grace, mercy and love, I stand till the end. I was not disobedient to the vision from Heaven. Thank you for making my life meaningful that through me you get glory and the lost souls. I am so grateful. Lord, I love you."

Part of my testimony is what the Lord has done in my marriage. By the end of September, 2011, our marriage right went through three 7-year steps: From October of 1990 until Sept. of 1997, we tried to change each other and almost got divorced. Then from October 1997 until October 2004, we then asked God to change the other and nothing happened. Finally, we asked God to change ourselves, and the whole family changed!

From August of 2004 until September of 2011, we have held marriage conferences among Chinese house churches in 13 provinces in China and after we came to USA, we kept providing marriage counseling to the many Chinese families, believers and unbelievers in need while we pastured the Clemson church.

During these years in the USA, we met many, many Chinese families and most of them have so many problems in their marriage, in parenting, with in-laws, friend and more. As we were once in the darkness of our own family life, we know how to walk through the dark valley to the bright top of marriage by God's grace. After 6 months' prayer before God, we clearly hear the calling of God to go to deliver those who are willing out of their painful helpless situation through a Biblical marriage ministry. With the full LOVE to God and man, our experience, gift, and Biblical equipment, we now are very thankful and confident to do what God wants us to do.

As ambassadors for Christ, our desire is to please God and help his people to know God truly and to enjoy Him daily! And our prayer is to ask God to strengthen and encourage us through His Spirit, His word and His people so that we could act on His will faithfully by His grace!

We don't know many people who we could go to ask for support, we just simply go by Faith, pray and trust our needs to the hands of our faithful Father God, believing that HE who has called us to serve would provide abundantly whatever the ministry needs to fulfill His wonderful loving will through us. We welcome you to be a part of our AFCI ministry to preach Christ, revive God's church and glorify God; to help the many thousands of families to change their marriage from endurance to enjoyment; from darkness to the light of God.

We look forward to co-laboring with you in Christ for the precious church on His heart. You will get our monthly report on what God has done and will do onto us and through us for His Kingdom! Please contact us anytime with questions or greetings; we thank God for your partnership and encouragement. Your support with finance and prayer means so much to us and the Kingdom of God!

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