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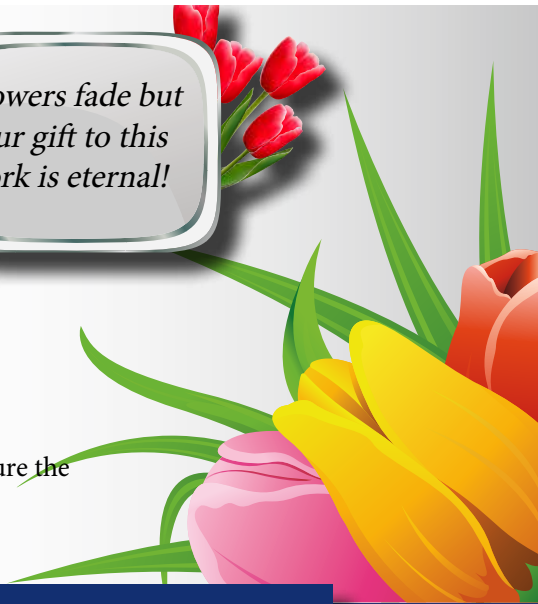
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Philippines & Beyond

“to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man’s sphere of accomplishments” II Cor. 10:16

Beijing Church of Christ Undocumented Congregation Beijing Congregation Has No Legal Status in China



Dixie, Demar, and
John Elam

We are sad to learn that the Chinese government has not provided official written authorization for the Beijing Church of Christ to operate within its borders. Unfortunately, the congregation has not received a legal permit, license or certification. We feel that a verbal approval from a lower level government official is insufficient to support the claim that the congregation has been granted legal status to assemble, worship and evangelize without fear of prosecution. We assumed that a written authorization had been issued, but that is not the case. We were so excited and believed we could rush through the door we’ve been praying God will open. We still believe that He will open the door for legal church work, and we continue to work with expectation and excitement for that day.

I wrote a plea in the Open Door Ministry newsletter last month, *The Philippines and Beyond*, requesting that our supporters join hands and help us with financial support to send three Filipino workers to Beijing China to serve the Beijing Church of Christ, the “only legal congregation” of the Churches of Christ in China. I made that request based on what the brethren there believed was official government approval. The Adairsville elders investigated the situation since they agreed to oversee this great work. We were all so excited to be called upon to participate in this effort; however, when the elders learned that the consent was only verbal, the elders, Junas Sagurit and I agreed it would be unfair to send these young missionaries and their families into harm’s way. Our attorney for the school requires a legal permit for our records in the event of an arrest. This documentation is both prudent and necessary to protect our students. The Adairsville elders, the President of ACU and I believe it is unwise to move forward at this time considering the consequences for illegal activity may result in arrest, imprisonment, hard labor in a work camp or worse. These young men have been well trained and have many years ahead of them in service to the Lord wherever they go.

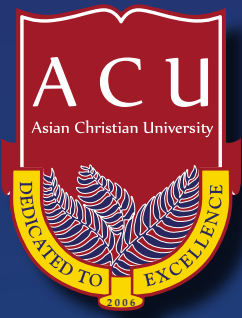
When we go into China, we want to do so legally, so we will patiently wait for that coming day. In the meantime, we plan to send two preachers there to study and learn the Mandarin language at a school in China. This can be done legally. These men will then return to ACU and teach others the language. That way, we will be ready to go and to send when the door is open. We would like to send these workers in ASAP. Can you help by sending a contribution to help fund sending them to China?

I apologize for any confusion this may have caused. I never intended to misrepresent the legality of the work in China. We are so very grateful for the progress made in this great field and look forward to when we can join the work already in progress in China.

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“...See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it...” Rev. 3:8



Asian Christian University

IN MEMORY OF BOBBY REDD

Bobby Redd, longtime member of the Forest Park Church of Christ in Atlanta, Ga., passed peacefully from this life this past July 3rd. Having served Forest Park first as a zealous deacon and later as a well qualified elder, Bobby leaves a wonderful legacy and example for others to follow. He and his sweet wife Sue were one in purpose to serve the church in any capacity needed. The bond they shared for one another was so obvious to all who knew them. They were a couple joined in love, joined in marriage and joined in the Lord.

When I preached at Forest Park many years ago Bobby was my "Barnabas". His great smile and words of encouragement lifted me up on many occasions. I never heard Bobby say an ill word about any single person. It just wasn't his nature to criticize, condemn or complain. He was a positive person who could see the good in everybody.

Bobby and Sue both had a deep love for the lost. Bobby made several mission trips to the Pacific Islands to help in the work that Forest Park has been heavily involved in for many years. Bobby was a friend of missionaries! Bobby and Sue were generous in their support of missions. They contributed to the Open Door Ministry regularly for many years. I know they supported other missions as well.

Our heart goes out to Sue and the family in this time of grief and sorrow at the loss of Bobby. We all know that Bobby is safe in the arms of Jesus and that is a great comfort. A great soldier of the Lord has gone home!



Bobby Redd

RUSSIAN CHRISTIANS FROM SYKTYVKAR CHURCH OF CHRIST VISIT HOBBS STREET CONGREGATION



Russian family Leonid, Marina & Dasha, Ivashova visiting West Hobbs St. congregation.



Marlon Rutherford introducing the Russian family to the Members at Hobbs St.



God blessed me 25 years ago allowing me to teach and baptize Leonid and Mariana in Syktyvkar Russia. Leonid is now one of the elders of the Syktyvkar Church of Christ.



Good food, good fellowship with the Marlon Rutherford family, the Leonid Ivashova family and the Elam family



Christ's Happy Childhaven

NEXT GREAT STEP FORWARD IS TO PURCHASE LAND

\$250,000 is needed to purchase 12.7 acres of land to expand the work at ACU and CHC. This land will be used by both ACU and CHC. We need to build two additional houses for children so we can care for 24 additional orphans. We have 26 orphans living at CHC at this time and it will be a great and wonderful day when we have "50" little ones living and being cared for at CHC. May God bless this vision, this dream!

We now have the ability to house approximately 50 students at ACU and another men's dormitory would allow us to have lodging for 25 additional students bringing our total to 75 students. Please pray and give to make these dreams and visions become a reality. We need your help. What can you do?



The land shown outlined in red is the land we need to purchase.



These darling girls are ready for school!



The boys at CHC are ready for their first day of school!

GOOD NEWS — TEST SHOWS BLOOD CLOT IS DISSOLVING

I returned to the hospital on July 29 for a sonogram test and it revealed that the huge blood clot in my right leg that was from my groin all the way down my leg to below my knee and into the top of my calf has now dissolved in half. It is now from about 4 inches above my knee to below the knee and into my calf. We think the blood clots in my lungs have dissolved though they haven't x-rayed my lungs to confirm that. So, we are half way there! God is good all the time! Please keep praying as I am ready to return to full speed once again!