



## MISSIONS FOCUS

From bulletin: May 8, 2022

### **Chinese Bible Mission (CBM) & Larry & Kathleen Leach**

Our Missionaries, their health and ministries affected by Covid-19  
From today's bulletin / Missions Report from Missions Team

Chinese Bible Mission (CBM) is one of the organizations supported by our Great Commission Fund. CBM is the founder of Chinese Bible Church (now BACBC).

Chinese Bible Mission's quarterly newsletter was received after last week's focus. Available on our website or as a hard copy in the MC Lobby, you can read a special Easter article by Tim Wong, the entire update regarding the ministry in Asia and the new plant in Taiwan. Pray for wisdom and guidance for their ministry in creative access regions as well as the expansion of their US-based camp ministries and the need for a larger meeting space in Taiwan. The newsletter follows the Leach Updates.

### **Leach Family Update, England**

Larry and Kathleen Leach (Brandon, England with Brandon Baptist Church), had some very specific current requests as well as for future events in June and December.

Notably:

- 1) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Events for the nation as well as special outreach opportunities for Brandon Baptist Church;
- 2) prayers for a new pastor for their church as Larry is making plans to retire and finally,
- 3) plans for a Narnia-themed Christmas outreach this year - that God would bless those prayers and efforts!

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*The Email we received from Larry & Kathleen:*

Prayer Requests For Larry and Kathleen Leach in England:

1. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event (June 2-5) in the UK. June 2 (Thursday) Extended Coffee morning with special refreshments in Brandon at the church. June 5 (Sunday) Church BBQ in the afternoon after Worship service. Special refreshments and 2 different books: one for adults and one for children about the Queen.
2. D – One of the church's deacons who needs neck surgery at the moment, but must wait a few months at the moment. He is very limited in his movements.
3. Pastor Search Committee at Brandon Baptist Church. This is a newly formed committee and starting the process of looking for the next pastor for Brandon Baptist Church in light of my future retirement.

Praises:

1. V – Gentlemen who comes to the Thursday coffee morning. He stays for the whole 2 hours and opens up about different subjects in his life. Has been given an invitation for coffee on another day, and has accepted.
2. Good service for Easter and Good Friday.
3. Good church work team for the Narnia Christmas 2022 outreach.
4. Kathleen has been asked to return to a school for a Bible time.

Many thanks,

Larry & Kathleen Leach

*Thank you for reading about and praying for our missionaries, countries and people locally and globally!*

(CBM Newsletter below)

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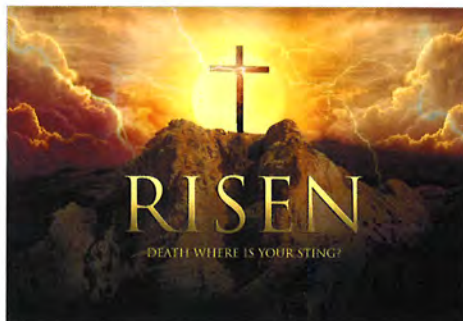


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**When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19:30**



By Tim Wong

**H**aving just celebrated Easter this past Sunday reminded me of the significance of Christ's Resurrection that is central to our faith. What great joy to worship a Living Savior who sits at the right hand of God! As I reflected on the last words of Jesus on the cross, Tetelestai or "It is Finished" (John 19:30) stood out to me. It was...

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## Taiwan: God's Blessings

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By Peter Wang

As many of our faithful CBM followers have read from me over the last few years - highlighting the growing tension between China and Taiwan, and warning us that a time of instability and the breakdown of

wan is indeed invaded like Ukraine? In many ways, we should live our daily lives with the same kind of urgency and perspective, being reminded that the peace and prosperity on this earth was never meant to last forever. It is with that sober reminder that we continue to serve here in Taiwan, and ask that you continue to pray and support our missionaries and partners all over Asia.

**CBM Taiwan Ministry:**  
YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70tC2FHYptU>

**"Who has heard Jesus knocking on the door to your heart and has invited him in?", and with every head bowed, all 14 kids raised their hands!**

the institutions /rule of law that has been set in place since WWII and kept up with the power of the United States is coming to an end. But never would I expect to see this breakdown coming at such speed with Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

We pray for those suffering because of the war and for local Christians who will act courageously in these uncertain times to help their neighbors. At the same time, I am asking myself the same question - what if Tai-

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posed to the campers, "Who has heard Jesus knocking on the door to your heart and has invited him in?", and with every head bowed, all 14 kids raised their hands!

**Linkou Church Plant:** When we got back to physical worship, we started with about 25 people in Nov. 2021. Now, we have max out (60-70 people on Sunday) our CBM office space and might be moving to a larger facility sometime during the summer! Please pray that the portable



started to fund other church plants, and our CBM staff is hoping to lead outreach to the minorities in Yunnan and Xinjiang. We are currently recruiting prayer & financial partners to be the "Angel Investors" for these two church plants! If this might be a project God has placed on your heart, please donate to the "China Ministry" category! ✝

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**China Ministry:** CBM planted its first church in China three years ago, and it is now completely financially self-sufficient, with many leaders within the church to preach and teach. It has expanded to 2 locations with one near the university district and has 40-60 attendees weekly (about the max we can have safely). The church itself has also

Images: (Center) Linkou Church Worship, (Top) Linkou Church - Children's Day Camp Bible lesson, (Bottom) Linkou Children's Day Camp craft time



# Upcoming Events

## Junior Hi Camp



Junior High Camp  
July 25-30, 2022

## Senior Hi Camp



Senior High Camp  
August 1-6, 2022

## STM-Taiwan



STM Taiwan  
Summer 2023

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## USA Update

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one of Pastor Sen's favorite passages and he often spoke of the complete work of Jesus by quoting this verse. Jesus himself declared, "I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do" (John 17:4). Hallelujah, HE is risen indeed!

Mark your calendar! We're excited and looking forward to this summer's camp ministry! Praise the Lord that we will resume the separate week-long program dedicated to middle school and high school students at Mt. Hope Bible Campground — July 25-30 for middle school camp, and August 1-6 for high school camp.

Please continue to pray for God's hand and direction in acquiring our own campground. There are many details involved in acquisition and operation, and we thank the Lord for raising up a camp acquisition team comprised of ministry, business, and real estate consultants who not only have vast knowledge and experience of this type of work but also great faith in God's sovereignty and provision. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer and support. ✝

# Asia: Leadership Training

Amazingly, more than 90 people showed up on the first day of class! Again, the hunger for truth is an inspiration to me to carry on the mission work from the traditional mission model to the "internet" model.



It is with a heavy and discordant heart that I am writing this newsletter. I am saddened by the displace-

ment of families and deaths of innocent people in Ukraine because of the unprovoked war by Russia. We once again witness the sufferings of humanity over the cause of history because of certain political agenda. There is really no proper transition or commentary to justify my updating of my mission work at this time, except to point out a new development for your prayerful consideration.

On March 2, I started a new "Marriage and Family" class. As I logged in to my teaching app, I noticed that I am only able to see their names but not their faces. I later found out that China's new internet regulations went into effect on March 1, laying out broad restrictions on religious communication, teach-

ing, and evangelism. The new rules perhaps have caused some people to conceal their identities. Amazingly, more than 90 people showed up on the first day of class! Again, the hunger for truth is an inspiration to me to carry on the mission work from the traditional mission model to the "internet" model.

The new regulations were announced at the end of last year by China's State Administration of Religious Affairs (SARA) and allow only religious groups with government approval to share information on the internet. According to the new Measures on the Administration of Internet Religious Information Services: Organizations and individuals must not proselytize online and must not carry out religious education or training, publish preaching, or repost or link to related content; must not organize the carrying out of religious activities online; and must not broadcast religious rites ... through means such as text, im-



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ages, audio, or video either live or in recordings.

On February 28, the Chinese government issued a press release answering questions about the new regulation and saying that the government “will have close and thorough cooperation to ensure the implementation of the measures.”

(CT Asia)

Mission work in religiously persecuted countries has always been a challenge. At the beginning of my mission work, I have to learn how to navigate through many different physical restraints. Then came the Pandemic. The biggest challenge for me from the pandemic is the elimination of face-to-face interaction with my students. To me, it was vital in the counseling training program. However, over the past two years, I have accepted the “New Norm” of instruction and became an “Internet Missionary”.

**With this internet new regulation in place, please pray that I am still able to continue in this new mission field in a more effective manner.**

Having said that, the pandemic has increased the time I have to communicate on the internet in different time zones and cities at the same time. I will continue to teach, encourage and mentor more leaders until I am blocked or the platforms are no longer available.

With this internet new regulation in place, please pray that I am still able to continue in this new mission field in a more effective manner. I have scheduled a new semester next month in another city, where the persecution is known to be more zealous. Pray that God will bring the people to be trained as future faithful leaders and please pray that the students will be protected whenever they are “online”. †