



MISSIONS FOCUS

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Our Missionaries, their health and ministries affected by Covid-19

Becoming What God Intended International and Nationwide Ministry Dr. David Eckman

From today's bulletin / Missions Report from Missions Team

From Today's Bulletin:

This month's missions focus is on Dr. David Eckman and Becoming What God Intended Ministries. Here is an update on their ministry.

- Celebrating 25 years of ministry!
- Taught "Life Skills/Mental Health" courses as bridge to the Gospel in counseling centers and universities in Beijing and other parts of China
- With China closing and COVID, all courses have been recorded and translated into Mandarin, Cantonese, and English • Continuing to change hearts and lives through Distance Education in U.S., Asia, and a growing presence in Australia

本月的宣教重點是David Eckman博士和 "Becoming what God intended 成為上帝的旨意" 的事工。這是他們事工的最新消息。

我們的傳教士：David Eckman 博士

- 慶祝25週年事工！
- 在北京和中國其他地區的諮詢中心和大學，教授“生活技能/心理健康”課程作為福音的橋樑
- 隨著中國冠狀病毒COVID的關閉，所有課程都已錄製並翻譯成普通話、粵語和英語
- 通過在美國、亞洲的遠程教育以及在澳大利亞不斷擴大的影響力，繼續改變人們的心靈和生活

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From July 2022 Missions Report:

Becoming What God Intended Ministries (US, World) – Dr. David Eckman recently wrote that BWGI Ministries exists “to share with believers and announce to unbelievers the great truths of our Triune God. And more than just share but lead them into an experience of the Father’s love, the pleasure of our union with Christ, and the heart-changing ministry of the Holy Spirit. Information without the experience is just one part of discipleship. Both are needed lest we find ourselves with frustrated Christians who feel that they have been overpromised and under delivered.” Dr. Eckman conducted an interactive seminar in June on how God and man deal with changes and what we do when we cannot change things.

Thanksgiving update, November 2022

56% to Goal: We want to thank you for your friendship, prayers, and support throughout our 25-year ministry. Thanks to you and many others, we have received \$41,000 of our \$73,000 goal. Please prayerfully consider helping us to fill the **\$32,000** gap to finish out the year

As BWGI is celebrating 25 years, the attached October 2022 newsletter looks at how this ministry was started. (this is where they share the need for \$73,000 to cover the 2022 expenses.

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

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Becoming What God Intended Ministries



October 2022

Dear Missions Director,

Since The Beginning

Scan the QR code to watch our 25th anniversary video. Over a decade ago, I was teaching a conference in Fresno. The participants were on a break, and I started a conversation with a man who was part of the staff at U.C. Davis. He told me that he was part of a group that had been going through the Becoming What God Intended workbook for five years straight. After finishing a cycle, they would start all over again. I think that they held the time record for any group! Then he said three people within the group changed their minds about committing suicide because of the truths in the book. Seeing that I looked surprised, he said, "I was one of the three."



Over the last twenty-five years, individuals have shared how what we teach literally saved their lives. More often than that, many, many, more have shared how the ministry of Becoming What God Intended transformed their lives. What a joy that is! Over the last twenty-five years, we have seen people become believers. We have seen marriages transformed for the better. Addictions have been eliminated. Joy has entered unhappy hearts. A continual part of this ministry and its great characteristic is that hearts are changed.

The Great Expansion

About fifteen years ago I was invited to speak at a mental health conference in B sponsored by the Communist Youth League. After speaking at a university, the officials invited me back, and then subsequently asked me to bring teams of therapists and psychologists to do training for them in mental health. Everyone I took was a committed evangelical Christian. For over a dozen years we were lecturing in the universities and counseling centers of B and other parts of the country. The *Skills for Living Curriculum - A Bridge to the Gospel*, has been used to train tens of thousands throughout B and beyond. Outside of the lectures we would share Christ.



At the same time, we were invited to speak for the house churches, the international churches, and missionary folks. Out of the blue of Heaven, a group of nuns attended one of our trainings and invited us to their convent to speak on the Trinity. The Mother Superior who gave the invitation said, "It is confusing. We need help understanding it." They told me I was the first male permitted to stay at the convent!

We have not traveled to Asia in three years but in actual fact, we have been present in Asia and Australia through distance education. What is delightful to us is that we continue to be told these truths are changing lives. Our Head to Heart Discipleship program in particular has had the greatest impact. Our presence is growing in Australia, and we believe the Spirit of God is sovereignly opening the door for us in that continent.

Now we believe God the Father wants us to have world-class distance education classes. As a result, our Executive Director, Gayle, is working on a M.S. Degree from Johns Hopkins in Educational Technology. Hopkins university has one of the best education programs in the world.



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Help The Expansion And The Revolution

As we enter the last quarter of 2022, we request that you consider an end-of-year gift. With the residual effects of COVID and inflation, we have seen a decrease in giving, **putting us in a \$73,000 shortfall**. Please consider an end of year gift to put us in the black, and further consider regular giving. Unique opportunities are in front of us, and we want to seize them for Christ.

It is no exaggeration to say thousands upon thousands have been impacted by this ministry. Many of you have made this possible and we thank you!

Your co-laborer in Christ,
David

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Edelman".