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*D*ear East Gates partner,

Much to share with you in this issue as every issue. First we want to inform everyone about the **ISAIAH 62 Global 21-Days of Prayer and Fasting for Israel** (<https://isaiah62fast.com>) which started May 7 and continues until Pentecost on May 28. As of May 10, over five million Christians around the world have made their commitment to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and intercede for Israel which celebrates its 75th birthday this year. We know from scripture that the future of all nations (and that includes China) is tied to the eternal covenant God made with Abraham.

“Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country, and from your relatives and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. ***And in all the families of the earth will be blessed***” (Genesis 12:1-3).

Isaiah 62 is a glorious passage of scripture because here the prophet is focussing our attention on what God SO longs for and that is to come down to earth to marry His Bride. Do we long for it as much as He does?

“For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not keep quiet, until her righteousness goes forth like brightness, and her salvation like a torch that is burning. ***The nations*** will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; and you will be called by a new name which the mouth of the LORD will designate. You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal headband in the hand of your God. It will no longer be said to you, “Forsaken,” nor to your land will it any longer be said, “Desolate”; but you will be called, “My delight is in her,” and your land, “Married”; for the LORD delights in you, and to Him your land will be married. For as a young man marries a virgin, so your sons will marry you; and as the groom rejoices over the bride, so your God will rejoice over you” (Isaiah 62:1-5).

We share with our Chinese brothers and sisters that as Yeshua, our Messiah’s return becomes more imminent, they must understand God’s profound calling and love for Israel which links directly to their destiny. The Bible is an epic love story of which we are all a part!



Israel is like the first button on a shirt. If it isn’t buttoned correctly, nothing else falls correctly into place.



God’s heart was to marry Israel and the nations at the base of Mt. Sinai but how quickly they broke covenant with the true Lover of their Soul but God is forever faithful and waiting...

ISAIAH 43:10-11

“You are My witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and My servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me. I, only I, am the LORD, and there is no Savior besides Me.

We live in Washington State where a bill was just passed by the governor that will allow medical transgender intervention to minors without parental consent. Inconceivable. We *know* what God thinks on all issues of such nature that tamper with those created in His image. Proverbs 6:16-19. That is why our focus is to help our Chinese brothers and sisters in China and the US, develop the mind of Christ in these latter days!



We continue to provide vital Christian discipleship materials to the main training center in Huai'an, Jiangsu Province, China where the late Ruth Bell Graham was born. There is a great Christian legacy in this city where the next generation desires not only to study and read about their Creator and true Lover of their souls but *know* Him intimately through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Meanwhile, one of our co-workers whom we help support, Pastor “P,” in celebration of Mother’s Day, sent us precious photos of moms from the desolate villages in Yunnan Province where he ministers. In the midst of a world they’re totally unaware of, filled with artificial intelligence, nano technology and the worldwide web, their life is extremely poor yet so rich in spirit. You all know what we mean.



Life is difficult but their beautiful smiles reveal their true inner beauty. They know with Yeshua living within them, their load is light and their future is eternally secure.

ISAIAH 54:17

“No weapon that is formed against you will succeed; and you will condemn every tongue that accuses you in judgement. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their vindication is from Me,” declares the LORD.

As millions of believers around the globe fast and pray for Israel and as thousands enter the Land this month to pray for its salvation, redemption and awareness of who their true Messiah is, the spiritual forces in dark places will inevitably take the offensive, attack and try to push back. The reality is stated in Ephesians 6:12: “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

One of our co-workers recently informed us that five brothers and sisters that were accused of “organizing and funding illegal Christian gatherings” in Yunnan Province were all released on bail and were able to return home safely to be reunited with their families on the morning of May 7. We are grateful to the prosecutors for being bold and courageous enough to uphold the legal principles in this situation. We praise God for the four lawyers who stuck with the case and travelled thousands of miles in the past year to meet with the prisoners, check case files and engage with the prosecutor to defend the rights of these brothers and sisters until justice was achieved. We are truly thankful to the pastors and believers who continually interceded in prayer, care and financial support for the prisoners and their families during this ordeal. *The local pastors ask that we continue to pray for the other pastors, brothers and sisters still imprisoned so they can eventually be freed to reunite with their community of faith and families as well.*

They shared with us two scriptures that especially kept them hopeful through the whole ordeal.

Revelation 2:10

“Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

John 13:34-35

“I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”



Brother “W” is finally fully released. Freedom isn’t cherished until it is lost.



A close knit spiritual and biological family is everything these days. Reunification at last.



During times of great trial, Yeshua, is our great advocate but He uses many “brothers and sisters” to be His heart, hands and feet on earth to defend the causes of the faithful and righteous. Please be a powerful intercessor for all those still in prison for merely living our their faith.

ACTS 1:8

“But you will receive power (Greek: *dynamis*, like “dynamite”) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth.”

*T*his year, Pentecost falls on May 28. It’s a festival that celebrates when the full power of the Holy Spirit was released after Christ ascended to be at the right hand side of His Father. As His imminent return is far sooner than later, God is getting His faithful, available and teachable children ready - the Jews and the Gentiles. Israel and the nations. Thousands of Chinese believers have come to this prophetic realization and this year, a large contingent walked through the streets of Jerusalem in the *March of Nations* from May 14-17.



Our Pastor “T” brings God’s revelatory truths to his growing adopted and physically challenged family members, who are now in a great sense also *our* family members.

*E*ast Gates continues to fulfill its divine calling to reach all those whom God is touching in China. May the Spirit of the Almighty, which allows you to know His heart, mind and thoughts, lead you in how to pray for us, our staff and many co-workers out in the field. Deep appreciation for your sacrificial tithes and offerings which have produced *much* fruit within the Body of Christ in China.

 

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