

May China trip

In May I had the privilege of traveling to Taipei, Shanghai, Nanchang, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong to reconnect with pastors, church leaders, and longtime friends. The primary purpose of the trip was strengthening key relationships and encouraging Christian leaders during an important season for the Church in China.

In Taipei, I met with Rev. James Taylor IV (below) of Chinese Evangelical Seminary and learned more about their ministry of equipping future pastors for ministry. Most students hail from Taiwan and will remain in Taiwan after graduation. It was a personal highlight to meet with him since my grandparents served with Hudson Taylor's China Inland Mission from 1925-1950. God has done marvelous things in China as result of this family's ministry.



Then it was off to Shanghai, where I was originally scheduled to meet with several leaders from the Overseas Department of the China Christian Council but was unfortunately not able to see them due to a European trip they had embarked on shortly before my arrival.

It was fascinating to be in China during the exact time of President Trump and President Xi's summit in Beijing. Many Chinese friends expressed cautious optimism and hope for a better future for both countries.

My time in Nanchang was especially meaningful due to our family's long ministry history in Jiangxi province. I enjoyed warm fellowship with several pastors and friends, attended worship at Zhidao Church on Sunday morning, and was invited to return this October. Mary Lin, daughter of Rev. Lin Feng, retired presi-

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"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved."

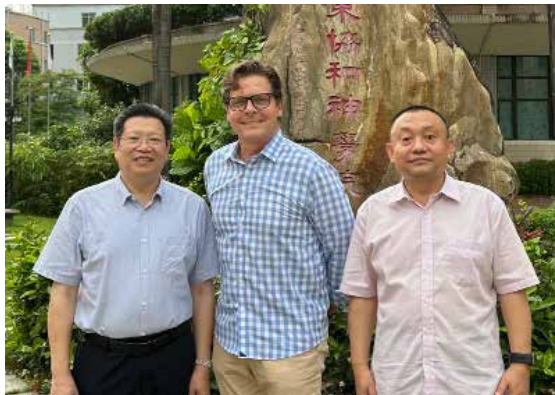
John 10:9



Provincial Bible School, was a tremendous help with translation and logistics throughout the visit.

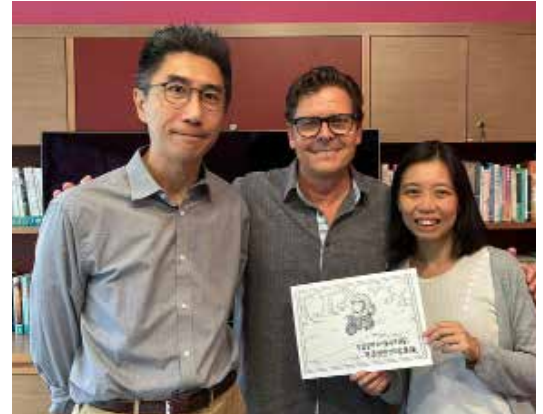


In Guangzhou, longtime friends Rev. Cai and Rev. Pei (below) shared openly about the increasing restrictions facing both Chinese pastors and foreign Christian leaders. Despite these challenges, they remain faithful and encouraged. I also received an invitation to return to Shenzhen in the future.



In Hong Kong, I met with leaders at CCL (Christian Communications Limited), who confirmed that the ongoing Sinicization policies continue to tighten restrictions in both mainland China and Hong Kong. Even so, they continue faithfully distributing theological resources and study Bibles to church leaders and students all over China. In 2025 they distributed 29,391 books, including Study Bibles, to 2,385

graduates at 17 seminaries and Bible schools and 33 Bible Training Centers. We are excited to continue our partnership with CCL.



Overall, the trip was deeply encouraging and filled with meaningful conversations, warm hospitality, and renewed friendships. I was reminded again of the importance of maintaining personal relationships with pastors and Christian leaders throughout China, especially during these current challenging times.



A verse that continues to encourage me and all the believers in China is, *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."* [伙伴](#) (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Highlights from May China trip

"I am the way, the truth and the life... no one comes to the Father but through me"

John 14:6



Top left: My father & I in 2000 visiting with church members in Nanchang. Mary is standing on the left.

Top right: Pearl Tower in Shanghai.

Above: Attending church service in Nanchang was a highlight.

Right: With Rev. Li Baole, longtime friend who serves as a faithful pastor in Jiangxi province.



"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12



Upcoming Events . . .

- **July 10-14 – Chicago, IL** - China ministry update at Chapelstreet Church; visit donors
- **July 28-August 18 – Germany & Italy** - Allianzkonferenz Badblankenburg; visit donors and churches; meetings with Chinese church leaders in Rimini and Rome
- **September 22-29 – Florida** - MissioNexus in Orlando; visit donors and churches in South Florida

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"I thank God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now."

Phil 1:3-5



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Prayer Requests . . .

- **Pray for Seminary and Bible School students who just graduated from 22 theological venues throughout China.** Pray that they will integrate well in their respective churches where they will be ministering.
- **Please pray for Erik and Frank**, as they will be traveling to several European countries this summer to meet with key Chinese pastors and church leaders. One pastor, originally from Zhejiang province, is starting a new Bible Training Center for Chinese Christian leaders in Barcelona. Erik will also visit the Italian Chinese Theological Seminary that opened in Rome in April of 2022. **Pray for wisdom as we explore new ways of equipping Chinese church leaders in Europe and beyond.**
- **Pray that God will continue to keep the doors of ministry open** for China Partner so that many more pastors can be equipped for their ministries.

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