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Greetings,

We give thanks to God's grace and blessings during our eight years in China. The upcoming Chinese New Year arrives earlier than usual, therefore we are planning to return to the United States on December 17 and spend Christmas and Chinese New Year with Solomon and his family. We will be in Los Angeles by the end of January. After visiting Mayee's family in April we will then return to China in May, 2012. Besides enjoying the companies of our children and grandchildren we plan to visit churches and meet with brothers and sisters. We are hoping to take this opportunity to share about the F/2 ministries. Please pray for our stay in the US and also remember the needs of the F/2 Foundation. Let's all give thanks to our almighty God during this Thanksgiving season. The followings are our most recent ministries:

1) Guangdong Province, Xu-Wen County is a small fishing village. Poverty is a normal way of life among the villagers. The recent inflation makes the living extremely difficult. Being a church minister in those areas is a daunting task. The F/2 Board of Directors had approved to reach out to two ministers who had requested for assistance through the Province Christian Association. a) The minister of Zhen-Po Church in Xia-Qiao is Huang Zu-Ren. He graduated from Guangdong Union Theological Seminary in 1994 and is receiving a salary of RMB 500 per month. Starting in October the F/2 subsidizes minister Huang RMB 300 per month for a term of three years. b) Minister Li Ren-Qing of the Ma-Keng Church is also a 1994 Guangdong Union graduate with a salary of RMB 650 per month. The F/2 will increase that amount to RMB 800 per month starting in October also with a three years term.

2) Three church ministers in Hubei Province withdrew from the F/2 sponsorship due to their improved economic situation. Two other churches ministers were in more needy situations, and the F/2 directors had already approved the province request for assistance. a) E-Zhou City, Niu-Shan Christian Church, minister Xu You-Shen is a graduate of the Wuhan Zhong-Nan Theological Seminary. His village church can only afford to pay him RMB 200 per month. The F/2 will sponsor his living expenses with RMB 600 per month starting in November for a three years period. b) Liang-Zi County, Mo-Dao-Ji Christian Church, minister Yu Fong is a 2004 graduate of Zhong-Nan. She only receives RMB 300 per month from her church. Starting in November a grant in the amount of RMB 500 per month will be added to pay for her living expenses for a period of three years.

3) Thank God for His grace and mercy. In addition to the usual donations we received US \$5,000 of financial support from Seattle Chinese Baptist Church in September. In October, another HK\$40,000 of donation came from a devoted sister in Hong Kong Kowloon Tong Baptist Church. Currently we have sufficient funds to support the following ministries:

a) In Yun-Nan Province, Nu-Jian State, Gao-Lai Gong Mountain borders Burma and China. A bridge and highway were built by the developers ten years ago so that lumbers from Burma can be delivered to China. The original Lisu ethnic group resided in those mountain areas have been relocated to the foot hill areas and formed the Bei-Duo-Wa-Di village. Among the villagers, one hundred fifty of them are Christians. In 2007, the local government allowed them to build a church along the highway. Because of the complicated topography of that region, construction work is extremely difficult. They have been involved in this church building project and raising funds for several years. The RMB 90,000 they collected was only sufficient for building a retaining wall, the foundation and a basement. In order to complete the building with furniture and a roof, materials alone will cost RMB 50,000. As a result, construction came to a halt in September. Through the National Christian Association I was able to tour their building site in October and experience their predicament in person. After meeting with the ABC International Ministry, we agreed to each support them with RMB 25,000. We are hoping they will be able to serve God under a firm and structured Church building before the cold winter arrives. b) As I visited Bei-Duo-Wa-Di, staffs from Fu-Gong County Christian Churches led me to their training facility. This facility serves 357 churches in the County by providing a full year of theological training for volunteers. Their auditorium which was built in 1994 collapsed during the 2005 snow storm. Because of the shortage of building funds, the new 27-room dormitory has 54 wall openings instead of 54 windows. The F/2 will provide RMB 16,000 to install aluminum windows so that the building can be used during the winter months. c) Guangdong Province Po-Ning City, Daba Church was rebuilt in 1995. Due to their financial restraint at that time, door and window frames were made of inexpensive material and had since deteriorated. It inconveniences worshipers during stormy weather. To replace them with aluminum frames will cost RMB 60,000. It is indeed a difficult task for this farming village with limited resources. The F/2 will offer RMB 20,000 to expedite their building project.

Enclosed is a list of all the F/2 beneficiaries. Currently we are serving seven provinces and fifty seven village churches or ministers. As you are counting your blessings during this holiday seasons, do remember these impoverished village churches and their faithful servants.

Wishing you all

A Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

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