

Nothing is impossible with God

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## Living Beyond the Temporary

Greetings Dear Friends,

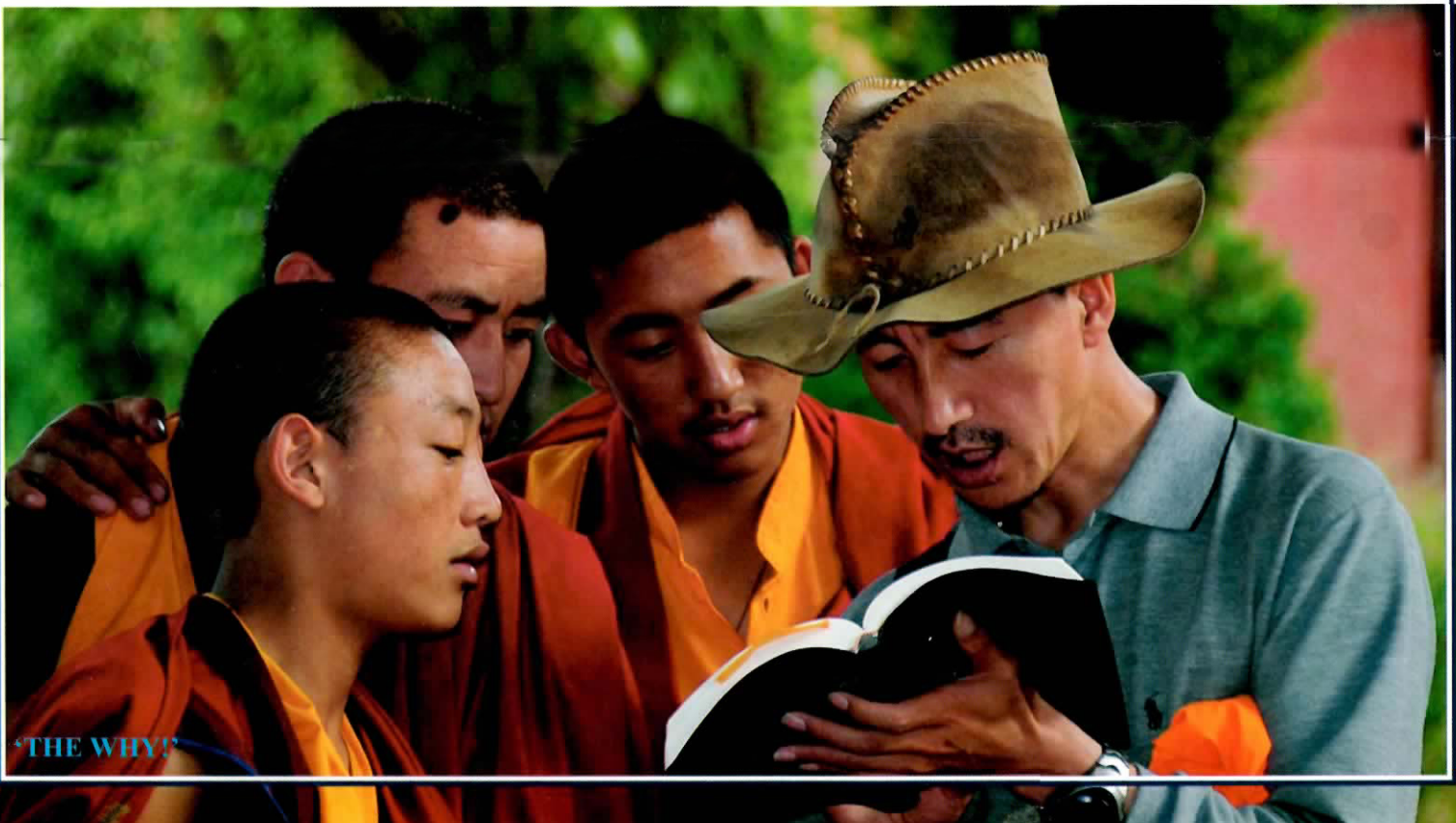
**བཀ་ཤེས་བདེ་ལེགས།** ‘Jaw She De Lay,’ is the most meaningful greeting in the Tibetan language. When spoken, it adds a positive air to the situation and has a larger meaning that goes beyond the temporary of the moment. That in mind, I want to share something with you that God has really impressed upon my heart.

It wasn’t until I found myself living in a place where I had little access to reading materials that I understood what a hidden treasure reading is. I would highly recommend a book called, “Wild Goose Chase” by Mark Batterson. In chapter three, the author makes a statement that the Holy Spirit checked in my heart and mind. He said, “One of the greatest dangers we face spiritually is learning ‘how’ and forgetting ‘why’.”

If we learn how and forget why many things can happen, we can “pray without thinking, take communion without thinking or worship without thinking.” The Holy Spirit checked my heart and mind on what this means, the ‘**how**’ is temporary, but the ‘**why**’ is eternal. If we live our lives in the how, then what we do will likely be temporary, a reaction, a ritual and a routine and the Lord simply becomes part of our life instead of, Lord of our life.

Friends, we are here in China for a reason and you are where you are for a reason. Jesus Christ gave His Word and His life to show us how to **live beyond the temporary**. We must be asking the Lord to use our lives to make an impacting, eternal difference in the lives of others. If we allow our lives to be spent in the ‘**how**’ then the message becomes temporary, not eternal.

I don’t know how you feel, but Cindy and I will continually ask the Lord to help us live our lives, ‘**beyond the temporary.**’





## The Purpose of a Church is 'Beyond The Temporary'

Your involvement reaches **beyond the temporary**. We just completed the construction of a new church building in a very remote place. We wanted you to see it and understand its meaning and we want to thank you all from our hearts for your incredible faithfulness and prayers. We give a special thanks to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, DSM, IA who prayed and raised the major funds for this project. And we send thanks to all of you from the Christians who will use this church.



The first page of this letter reminds me to ask 'why'. Why are we involved with a church building? In reality a church building is temporary, it is the actions of the Christians within and without the building that makes it move **beyond the temporary**.

In the culture we live in, a building displays something more, something - **beyond the temporary**. The building becomes a statement about those who use it. It says they are serious about what they believe; it says what they believe is here to stay and is meaningful for the community. It



says they are a positive part of the community and the nation that goes **beyond the temporary**.

Please know that your faithfulness, your prayers and your involvement goes **beyond the temporary** in more ways than we can share.

I will call the area where this church is, 'Gao' (for security reasons). This is a true story direct from the local people. Many years ago, Gao didn't have any Christians. This changed some years ago when four Christian ladies from a village over the mountains, married four young men in Gao. Over the years, more people in Gao became Christians.

For many years, the believers from Gao would travel to another village (we will call Nan), several hours away on small, very steep trails to meet with others who had a barn for a church. A few years ago, you helped us replace that falling down barn with a church building.

We recently finished Gao's church but they had no furniture. We learned they were just going to get some thick logs and carve them into long benches for pews, but cutting trees was forbidden by the forestry bureau. They also had no restroom. So, by your faithfulness we have helped them build the restroom 300 feet from the church and supplied them with benches and tables from the local town. Because







of God's blessing, your caring and the personal efforts of the Christians in Gao, the cost of everything; church building, restroom and furniture was less than \$10,000. They continue to express their great joy for His blessings in their village.

Today, both Gao and Nan consider themselves one Christian family, but having their own church really helps those members that have difficulty hiking hours through the mountains, to go to church. These are amazing followers of Christ who are **living beyond the temporary**.

What we hope you see from this is that when you live beyond the temporary, you will help others **live beyond the temporary**, locally and 10,000 miles away.

Going to Church





Your involvement has helped hundreds of kids to further their education. Your prayers have given them hope and a chance to live **beyond the temporary**, beyond the financial barriers that prevented them from breaking through to their dreams.

Here are a few condensed letters from them;

“Dear Aunts and Uncles, (an endearing greeting)  
Hope this letter finds you smiling. I don't know what kind of wind has brought you into my life. I only know that since that moment, my journey became different.  
Your help has deeply saved my education. The road is unknown, but there is love along the way, I am not afraid. In my heart I feel you are the sunshine, you are the rainbow and the most beautiful angels from heaven.  
I have chosen Botanical Resource Development as my major. I hope I can develop many kinds of medicine that will help people that are bound by sickness.  
In the future, I want to become people like you sowing seeds of love to the world. Jesus is the incarnation of love. He didn't complain even when he was crucified on the cross. I am not as great as he is, but I am willing to follow His will!  
May God be with you forever.  
With Love, Xiu Chun”

“Dear Uncles and Aunts Whom I Respect,  
Greetings, I'd like to send my greetings to you who are warm-hearted!  
I am a middle school student. I came from the mountains and the poverty in my family has made it difficult for me to pursue education. I left the mountains alone and came to the city with a dream. I went with the expectations of my parents and care of the mountain village, but little financial help. But, it was you, Aunts and Uncles who gave me love, care and warmth.  
No matter how I will be, no matter how I am now, I will try to help others with a warm heart just like what you have been doing for me.  
Finally, I wish you health and peace.  
Sincerely, Quansheng He”

“Dear Uncles and Aunts  
Greetings, It was you who have been caring for me even in the small items all the time. Today I can study at the Vocational High School. I thank you for your help. Without you I could not walk where I am walking now. As it is said, “It takes a fountain to repay grace as small as a drop of water.” I can't ever repay you. What I can do is work hard for the future.  
My family and ancestors have lived in the mountains for many generations and seldom went out of the mountains. I have come to the small city. In another year I will go to a larger city to continue my education at a university. I will work hard to make my life more meaningful.  
It is because of your selfless sacrifice, unlimitless love and silent help that I can walk from darkness to Light. I am happy in both study and life. Your love has mobilized my strength to fight for a better future. Your support has made me more confident, more optimistic and I have more courage to face tomorrow and the future. From my heart thank you so much!  
HAVE A HAPPY EVERYDAY  
Guangyong He

## First Medical Outreach

Last month, we completed the construction of a new medical clinic in a remote mountainous area. We gave you a report in our last newsletter. By the time you receive this, we will be prepared for our first medical outreach there in mid-April.



This clinic was built with prayer for opportunities **beyond the temporary**. Our hope is for opportunity for the Tibetan villagers to have good medical care and opportunity for us to be a continued part of their lives. Please pray for His miracles and for the April outreach!

## News !

We are developing a new Electronic Newsletter which we hope to send bi-monthly. This will not be a replacement for our regular newsletters but a way for us to create opportunity for more communications with you. We hope to begin this by mid-April and if you would like to be on that mailing list, please send your e-mail address to; \_\_\_\_\_ and we will be sure you receive it. Thanks!

## Prayer requests

1. Please pray, for God's opportunities to live **beyond the temporary** among the Chinese.
2. Please pray, for the Chinese Christians to live **beyond the temporary**.
3. Please pray for opportunities in Tibet, China, for the people there & our outreaches.
4. Please pray, for breakthrough in the stronghold of Tibetan Buddhism.
5. Please pray, the Lord will protect our health.
6. Please PRAISE HIM for all He is doing and has already done.
7. Please pray for Kerri & Kyle's walk with Jesus & His direction, we are praying for grandchildren!

We pray for you continually and thank you for your great faithfulness & prayers!