Greetings from China! We finished our mid-terms in May and final exams the last week in June. Praise the Lord we are moving up to the next level, Intermediate Chinese! We are grateful to the Lord to be moving along! There are over 6,000 Chinese words in our flash card system that we have already studied. No, we don't remember all of them. :-))) We plan to spend the summer months reviewing all we've learned and studying the Chinese Bible. There are many, many Bible words that we need to study. 加油!

Several months ago, we began supporting 4 Chinese national pastors. It has been both encouraging and exciting to do what the Lord has placed on our hearts. One of these pastors just saw 2 people saved in the last few weeks, a newly married lady in her early 40's and a little girl. The lady is a retired sniper from the Chinese military and was introduced to the pastor through her cousin. She has been attending the church off and on for the last year and over the past few months began to express an interest in being saved. Praise the Lord she finally made that decision! Hallelujah! Her husband is unsaved and does not attend church services, but has been over to the pastor's home 4 times. He is becoming more and more open to talking about the Bible. The little girl that got saved is 7 years old, and her mom is a member of the church, but her dad is unsaved. We are rejoicing with these two! We have a great desire to support more Chinese national pastors and to reach more Chinese people with the Gospel! Please pray for the Lord to expand our coast.

Next week July 18-23, the teens will be going to another city for Teen Camp and church services. Please pray for the young people to commit their lives to serving Jesus Christ. Please also pray for salvations as some of the young people have not yet accepted Christ as Savior. In August, we plan on taking our annual men and boy's camping trip. Please pray that God will move and work in the hearts and lives of the men and boys in attendance. Please pray for me (Steven) as I will be one of the drivers.

Here in China, the government still has a zero Covid policy. They have recently upgraded their WeChat system so that you have to get a Covid test every 3 days or you will not be able to ride public transportation, go to work, go into grocery stores, malls, and eateries, etc. Every day, we see long lines of people waiting to get the Covid test. This has become as extra burden upon the people living here and we are continuing to pray that the restrictions would loosen. We are also continuing to pray for the borders to open so that other missionary families can return.

We are re-applying for our 1-year student visas through our university, so please pray with us that everything goes smoothly and gets approved.

Living here has caused us to be extra grateful to be Americans. We are praying daily for Americans to turn to Christ and for you to see revival in the churches there. Thank you for your prayers on our behalf! We are thankful to be an extension of your ministry here!

## PRAISES:

Passed exams & going on to Intermediate Chinese Began supporting 4 national pastors 2 people saved! God has protected us from lockdowns

God has protected us from lockdowns God has allowed us to stay in China

## **REQUESTS**

Teens to make decisions for Christ at Teen Camp Men & boys going on the camping trip—salvation: Safety on the trips

Borders of China to open to Americans
Continued prosperous language studies
Continued safety for us & for the church
1-year student visas to be approved
Salvations & opportunities to share the Gospel

The Lord to send forth more laborers