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THE Mill's FAMILY

PREACHING GOD'S WORD BEHIND THE BAMBOO CURTAIN



The next few newsletters, I hope to introduce some men and women in our church.

This is Joe and his wife Bonnie. They are training to one day be one our pastors. Their heart for the work is tender and loving. They will do anything for everyone without hesitation. He loves to help with our team from PCC. They often need uncle Joe's help for something, and Joe will just chuckle and say, "I'm their babysitter".

I'm Joe Qiao, 32 years old. Bonnie is my wife, and we have one daughter Annie. Why did I get saved? Hmm, it had something to do with my family. My father was a believer in various deities, and I was cultivated in this environment. It was during my college year that my teacher shared the good news – gospel. I know my mind was looking for guidance and heart longing for peace, especially in my youth. The Bible let me know the true God and how He is real. Before Jesus, I only knew religion, but after Jesus I understood who God was and why he was true and others false.

When I was young (college age), the world waves it's hands to you and it was easy to go wrong. I was lost until the Holy Spirit whispered me to read the Bible. As I read and ask help from the elders in church my struggle with salvation stopped. The church constantly encouraged and corrected me, so I could grow up gradually and stay faithful. My wife and I love to sing hymns and to listen to good preaching. As I hear preaching in church it is easy to see that prophecy of the scriptures is so real.

Now I have been married with a wonderful woman for over 4 years. Our Annie is one year and one month old. Looking back the way I walked, being blest and so peaceful, I understand He is true and living and I desire His eternal blessings. Life is short but I may have dozens of years to serve and earn my rewards for being faithful. I just want to be one part of His great work on our small island of Hainan.

Health Update: I'm seven months post-op from heart surgery. I'm not 100% but doctors are pleased at my progress. The COVID-19 situation still has us grounded here and pre-vents international travel. Our last furlough was in 2014 so we will make this a furlough year. If you desire us to visit your church to give an update, please email or call me. We rejoice that our Chinese churches are not folding but flourishing during this COVID-19 Pestilence. Your prayers and support for them and us are being measured in eternity.

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