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CHRIST TO THE WORLD BY RADIO

"Give of your best to the Master; give of the strength of your youth; Throw your soul's fresh, glowing ardor into the battle for truth. Jesus has set the example: dauntless was He, young and brave. Give Him your loyal devotion; give Him the best that you have." This is one of the most popular hymns, having touched the heart of hundreds of thousands of young people and moved them to serve God. Today, our caring and dedication are still important to Christian missions in China. Let us keep in our prayers that more young brothers and sisters will contribute their strength.

In recent years, the zeal of young Christians in Hong Kong for missionary work in China is diminishing. There are reasons that may be summed up into the following three aspects. Firstly, resistance to the Mainland. Political polarities, disputes over constitutional issues as well as the concerns in respect of economics, livelihood and security have all accelerated the resistance of young people of Hong Kong to China. Secondly, care for local issues. More young people are mindful of the social groups they are engaged in, environmental protection, justice and the needs of the underprivileged and more willing to devote their efforts to and participate in these issues. Thirdly, disinterest in missionary work. The missionary promotion and education carried out in churches in China and the mode of missionaries which have evolved over more than 30 years may be out of tune with how the new generation thinks. Short-term mission trips or visits were well received in the past but have been losing attraction.

Missionary work in China has undergone no significant changes in essence and still needs youth devotion. More than 1.3 billion people in China and over 100 million people in 55 ethnic minorities have not yet found God and are unreached. China is still one of the largest threshing floors in the world. Hong Kong, enjoying geographical and cultural advantages, is privileged under the principle of "one country, two systems" to serve the fellow Mainlanders. Geographical proximity and convenient immigration service have facilitated frequent communication between the Mainland and Hong Kong which benefits missionary work. Progress in Putonghua fluency of young people in Hong Kong (Putonghua hymns are becoming more popular in Hong Kong churches) can greatly assist them in understanding the Mainland culture and serving the people there. Besides, many young Christians are studying and working in the Mainland. The most immediate need is, therefore, to encourage and engage young Christians in Hong Kong to care more about Christian missions in China to secure continuity of missionary efforts in our country.

Reach Our World for God


To make things happen, we need to encourage young people to set their heart on the God's kingdom in China,

and challenge them to fulfil God's mission. God commands us to take the gospel to everyone. The privileged young people of Hong Kong should undoubtedly shoulder the responsibility of leading the Mainlanders to Christ, and we should no longer rely on Western or foreign missionaries. According to a research report on the youth missionary commitment of Hong Kong conducted by the Alliance Bible Seminary ICS, over 1,000 young people committed themselves to missionary work. Let us pray earnestly to our Lord that He sends out more workers to China as "the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few".

Live out a Missionary Dream

Young people are passionate and energetic dreamers who are willing to make sacrifices to live their dreams out. Allowing young people to dream and bring their dreams to God will equip them to spread the gospel around the world. Despite the rapid economic development in the past 30 years, necessary extra effort is needed to preach the word of God and take care of the disadvantaged communities. Some of the young missionaries will serve the rural children left behind by parents and children with disabilities, some teach organic farming and well-drilling skills and some commit themselves to Christian leaders and teachers. Every one of them will experience a wonderful dream with God. Dreamers may usually have to settle for second best, say quality of living and personal safety, but with God's love and their youth power, they can move ahead with great boldness.

Encourage Innovation

Young people don't like traditional and force-feeding education. They prefer learning through collaboration and participation, and understanding the world through exploration of values. While young people may be less experienced without broad vision, churches ought to give them opportunities to voice out and promote God's mission in China through their perspectives by inviting them to join church projects. If we want to get more young people engaged in the mission in China, churches must have the courage to welcome young people to plan and take up leadership roles in projects such as short-term mission trips to the Mainland. It is believed that under pastoral guidance and teaching, they will become more devoted and be more aware of their internal feelings. Missionary organizations should not neglect the creativity and vision of young people to reach China for Christ in education and missions. Young missionaries are significant to China and probably can accomplish a new mode of China mission. At present, more seminaries have offered education courses in theology, ministry and mission especially for young Christians, and more missionary organizations are willing to give a wide range of opportunities to young people to reach the people in China for Jesus Christ. 



Rejoining and Encounter

Felice Liu, Senior Training Officer

The province I recently visit is in Eastern China, a region where most Liangyou Theological Seminary (LTS) students live. In 2009, a large group of serving ministers from various villages there enrolled in the Seminary, so we arrange to call on them to give them some support. When they make up their mind to learn, graduate figures will mount with excellence.

Our route this time is a little like Paul's missionary journeys: to visit and strengthen the students. "Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, 'Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.'" (Acts 15:36) "After spending some time [...], Paul set out from there and traveled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples." (Acts 18:23) LTS teachers paying visits to the students are doing the same, to strengthen the students, to wake up those "asleep", so they can press on toward the goal. Of course we have to recruit new students too.

Rejoining old friends


In 2013, there was a graduate student who put us up during our visit. He urged his brothers and sisters to take up LTS courses. He even went as far as to print and distribute the handouts though he was also busy at work. Something went wrong with his intervertebral disc and he couldn't straighten up. He bent so low when he walked that he looked like a grandfather. This time I meet him again in his hometown. His spine has recovered and he has regained his vivacity. I am most comforted and thankful for him!

There was also an elder caring for tens of thousands of believers, an LTS graduate and full of energy in his ministry. I knew he was quite occupied before we set out, so I didn't make any appointment with him. However, he was so keen on meeting us that at noon one day, he texted us two times asking to lunch with us,

only that we were so engaged and we didn't notice. When the message caught our attention, it was already four in the afternoon. We replied immediately to say "if you can make it, please come ASAP". He was an hour's ride from where we were. But this elder made it, among all his errands, just for a meeting with us. Where on earth can you find such a teacher-student bond? So grateful to God!

First encounters with new friends

First encounters that were most impressive for me took place the second morning, with a batch of prospective students. They were all brothers and sisters of one village church, never acquainted with Radio Liangyou programs but needed training. We introduced to them the courses, application procedures, LTS micro-SD memory cards, etc. They were so conscientious and started off to plan how to go about group studies. I look forward to receiving their applications!

On our way, we held four small but grand graduation ceremonies. In one of them, there was only one graduate, but he brought along six other brothers and sisters, among them LTS students though we had never met before. That was our first encounter indeed! Before I started out, I "persecuted" this graduate to finish the last lap of his race to write a proper sermon script so I could present to him the graduation certificate. This certificate signifies a good round-up of his studies, and he didn't fail me. God loves him so much! So thankful for him! 



Broadcast of Blessings

Brother Huang, Henan Province

Years ago, I unintentionally heard the broadcast of Radio Liangyou. That was the first time I heard about gospel. At that time, I only knew there was Jesus but thought that Jesus was the God of others and had nothing to do with me. That was why I did not believe. So I just kept listening to the radio programs intermittently for a number of years.

I had an accident at work and shattered my heel bone. I had been bedridden for months to receive treatment. Unable to move, I could only listen to the radio. God's word broadcast over the radio brought comfort to me. I studied the respective part of the Bible while listening to the programs. That was how God stood by my side and walked me through the dark days in my life.

God allowed me to experience and get to know Him. He is not only the God of others but also my God. He is real to

me. I started and have maintained a habit of listening to the broadcast since then. I listen to different radio programs everyday to learn God's word and take notes while listening. I read the notes again in morning prayers and benefit tremendously.

Our church performs the baptismal ritual twice a year. I have to grasp the chance to join the church and become a member of the God's family. Please keep me in your prayers. Ours is a grassroots church in a rural area. While the pastor together with a group of people left the church years ago, we are gradually recovering. I have recently invited ten and so Christians to have worship gatherings at my home. Please pray for this newly established spot for assemblies and also for the unity in our church. 🙏

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