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Dear brothers and sisters

I sit and contemplate the adventure that we have with our Lord Jesus, as a spectator I see Him move in mine and others lives transforming us into His image. I have come to realise that when things go so well, then that when we need to pray the most. The enemy will use someone to upset the unity of the group. But we should always remember that God is the initiator and the adversary is a reactor. The opponent always comes after a thrust to move forward has already taken place by God. We need to be careful not to blame people but the working of the evil one. We see many amazing things in our little patch of the Vineyard, but we also see warfare. We may not report it but it happens!

Over the past month we were invited to the mid east of China to a city called Shao Xing where we conducted a wedding for one of our disciples who came to lord under our leadership. Cheng Di asked us if we would perform a Christian wedding in her village and we agreed. It was held in the home and attended by about 100 people. People listened to the words of the marriage ceremony and many were moved to tears as we shared about the love of Christ for his bride and the comparison of our human marriage.



The marriage lasted all day from early morning to the evening. They ask me to share with the people in the street about Jesus and I approached this topic from "The whole duty of man". Before I had the opportunity to share we

worshiped the Lord and we danced in the street, or I should say I danced with many of the older woman and they laughed and clapped their hands. The joy of the Lord was all over them. We prayed for many people and I got a little tired so I concluded our meeting and went inside to sit down to rest as I thought. Everyone followed us in and the main room was full of people maybe more than 40 people. They were hungry to know more about our Jesus. They asked questions and my mind went to the Scriptures where it describes Jesus, Paul and the disciples sharing in the homes. We have never been in a meeting that was so quiet, everyone was hanging on each word. By this stage we had been going from just after lunch into the late afternoon and the cooks were preparing supper. People were not hungry for food but our Lord. We talked about what makes a Christian and how to become a Christian. Some said they wanted to become a Christian and somewhere between 20 and 30 people prayed to accept Jesus.

### Dancing before the Lord in the streets of China

Updated about a week ago

20 to 30 were saved this day.

Sin is the spiritual sickness of mankind but the medicine is repentance, and the cure is Jesus.



The following day the newly married couple and some of their family members wanted to take us around the city to show us some of the sites. The

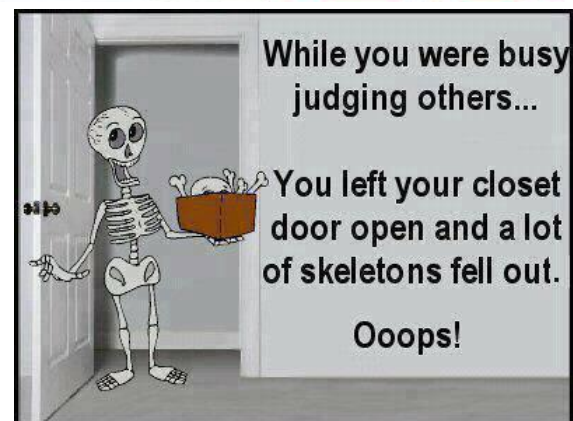




city has many channels which were the main way of transport many years ago. In the evening we sat down to eat and Rock lead Chang Di mother and sister to the Lord.



After this wonderful time we came home to Changsha and I had to put out some fires that had been ignited. It would be good if we didn't get the tough times, but they do tell us we are going in the right direction! Also they may help us to clean up some loose ends.



The following Sunday we had another great meeting where another two people were saved by Jesus.

Two of our people Kevin and Lilian obtained the visa to travel to Queensland, Australia to study. We will miss them very much but we are sure they will grow from this experience to go to Bible College and meet many new friends there.

The gambling house next door has closed, but we have not been able to move to get it yet. I think the Lord is doing something that we don't know about. I get the impression just to wait. We would love to get it, so we can have a training school and Sunday school there. Please pray that we can get it.

On a personal matter I was challenged about my weight and fitness, therefore I bought a bike. Andrew and I have increased our times of riding per week to three times and the distance to around 45Km. I have lost 7kg. We are getting



fit and losing weight. Ps. Tony Smits would say, *"It's God's temple He has purchased it and we need to keep it in as good a shape as we can."* Ps. Barry Silverback would say, *"If we want to go the distance in ministry we need to stay fit."* I think every time I go out I am prolonging my

time in ministry with the Lord's help.

To those who sent support; we want to say thank you so much. We have gone through the toughest period and the Lord lead you to help us. Thank you.

In HIS hands in this corner of the Vineyard

*Ian and the team.*

Ps.

I am planning a trip to Australia and New Zealand in 2014. If you and your church would like me to visit and preach; please let me know. I would also be available to do training courses in many different areas if you desired so.

Areas that could be studied are Relationships/Marriage, Bible Prophecy, Lord's Return, New Creation, Dynamic of Evangelism for the church, Unity of Prayer and etc.