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*[Excerpt for a River Band Journal]*

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[Qi Yang White Land] (some kind of place in Hunan) sermon journal

This was on a street in [White Land] There is a Catholic church which has been open for thirty-something years

At first, there were many people who joined, in the hundreds. In recent years, there have been less and less people. People saw us (Protestant) listening to sermons, and every night, it became more lively, creating jealousy. The Catholic church's evangelists spread a lot of slander to try to stop people from coming to listen to the sermons, and they invited the Yongzhou church's priest to come and live here, starting Bible studies for two months, providing free food for people who would attend. But,

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It didn't affect us too much. It's like Mount Sinai and Jerusalem competing with one another. For this month, I have recorded the testimonies of the people who have accepted God as follows:

Wang Chenzi, Wang Yuesong

Liu X 56 years old lived next door on the second day of our coming, we went to his house to talk to him. We chatted about the Gospel with him, and he joyfully accepted. Every night he came to listen to the sermon and expressed willingness to believe Christ. Not long after he got sick, and for half a month, he could not listen to the sermons. Thank God he has now recovered and comes to listen every night. On Sunday, he even

Came to worship with a complete desire to believe in Jesus Christ. What especially made us happy was his wife, X, and his three daughters-in-law, all accepted Jesus, often coming to listen to the sermons. At home, he would usually read the book we gave him. The husband and wife, each morning and night, would pray to God.

Wang Chenzi, Quan ShengYi

Xu C (female, got husband's last name) 38 years old her husband was a singer for Chinese opera they have one son and his wife, both are adults. At the beginning we shared the Gospel with her, but she didn't really care to listen. Recently, by the Spirit's guidance, every night, she comes to listen to the sermon. We went watering (spiritually) [spread the Gospel]. She was delighted to entertain us, and we shared the Gospel with her,

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And she understood every word. As she was listening to us, she asked us a question: "If my family aren't willing to believe and just me, is that okay?" We responded, "Yes, after you believe, you can persuade them to believe; pray for them, and gradually, everyone will believe in Jesus. Wouldn't that be wonderful?" So, she was very happy. On the Lord's day, she came to worship.

Wang Chenzi, Zuo Shaopeng

Liu X 40 something years old living on the middle of the street before he was a business person. Recently, the business closed, so during the day he has lots of time. We sent him some books and he read them all, and he memorized a lot. Every Lord's day or Bible study, he would be present. It was very rare that he didn't come. Every time we went to spread the Gospel, he would always receive it earnestly and also willing to believe in Jesus, accepting God's salvation to the end. This is what we wished for.

Wang Chenzi, Wang Yuesong

Chen Y 21 years old living uptown As soon as he listened to the Gospel, he delightfully accepted it. The first time he met us, he received us like relatives. Right now, work is very busy and business is good, but he still comes every night to listen to the sermon and the Bible study, believing in the Savior Jesus. Some Lord's days

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He would leave work and come to worship.

Wang Yuesong, Wang Chenzi

Chen L (female) 52 years old lived in middle of town owns a store her husband died. She has one son and one daughter in law, a total of three persons. She's had a chronic disease for more than ten years, and it's untreatable. Now she heard of the Lord Jesus, she was willing to believe and destroyed all the figurines in the house. The next day we put some tracts in her house. She's become like a new person. Every night she comes to the study. When she went home, some people would mock her, curse her, but she doesn't care. Some people told her: "To believe in Jesus, you Need to take out the heart and take out the eyes." She responded: "If you want to take out my heart and my eyes, I will still believe in Jesus." Since she's willing to believe God, she comes every day to worship. At home she always prays a lot. By God's Spirit, her illness was actually healed and she praised Jesus. She also wanted to share her testimony with others. Jesus is truly God's Son and sacrificed Himself for human beings. You all can see that I've been healed of my sickness. Those people who were mocking and cursing her felt ashamed, and never mocked her anymore. Because of her, lots of people were moved and believed in Jesus.

Wang Yuesong, Lei Chufong

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Cheng L (female) 70 years old lived in the countryside she lived 2.5 km away from (White Land)

The first time we put flyers at her place, she wanted us to share the Gospel with her whole family. After we finished, she said: "Sir, please teach me how to pray." So we taught her: "Ask Jesus, 'Save me as my Protector. Forgive us our sins.'" At that time she memorized it right away, but was worried she wouldn't remember it, so she asked her daughter-in-law and her grandson and granddaughter to recite it. So, the second time we went there to share the Gospel, we found out she recited those sentences every day. When she saw us, she said, "I believe in Jesus. I pray every day.

On my hand, there was something that would not heal for these past two months, these couple of days, I just prayed

And it's healed. So we are all very joyful and thanked God.

Wang Yuesong Quan Shengyi

Zhou L (female) 67 years old lived across from the Catholic Church she has a disease in her heart there's anxiety sometimes it's a stomach ache sometimes it's a tooth ache sometimes it's a back ache her husband died very early on. Only the mother and her son, two persons, lived together. Her

son's name is Li X. One night she listened to the Gospel and heard Jesus could heal sickness and drive out demons, so when she went home, she asked her mother to believe in Jesus. Her mother believed. From then on, no matter day or night, she always came to listen to the sermon and frequently prayed to God. Thank God because of her prayer

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Every illness was healed. Now the mother and the son all believed in the Lord Jesus.

Quan Shengyi, Zuo Shaopeng

Liu Y 16 years old in the middle of town he had a business in selling red paper though he is very young he listened very carefully to the Gospel and also participated in studying and debating it.

With regards to the Gospel, he knows a lot. Every night he comes to listen to the sermon and also came to worship. He also went to the Catholic Bible studies, but recently, by God's guidance, he accepted the religion [meaning of believing Jesus/being Christian]. He also bought the complete New Testament Even though the priest from the Catholic church came to preach and even though they had free dinner He did not go.

Quan Shengyi, Wang Chenzi

Peng Z 57 years old he's a farmer lives near PuYe Church about 2.5 km from us We went to his house to share the Gospel and more than ten people were listening. Right away, they all accepted it and promised to come worship. But on the Lord's day, only Z came to worship. After worship, we taught him how to pray. He diligently studied. Later we went to share the Gospel and he was very happy and said: "I pray a lot at home and always give thanks and my heart has more joy than before." This is truly God's blessing.

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We ought to thank God! Praise the Lord!

Quan Shengyi Liu Yunfeng

Lu Y 60 years old lives in Ding Liping, about six miles from us. We came across him on the street, and he caught our eye. We tried to persuade him to believe in Jesus and be free of sin, but he sadly said, "Sirs, I have sin. There is no peace in my heart. My sins are greater than mountains.

That is why I went to the temple to learn from Buddha how to get rid of my sin so that my next life will be better. I also wanted to go everywhere to build and repair roads as a way to atone for my sin. Now you talk about how believing in Jesus will help me remove my sin, and I think there's reason to it, so I've come to believe in Jesus." We think he's very honest, so we told him all about the falsehoods of the world and the Lord's truth and asked him to come to worship with us. On Sunday, we didn't see him come. Yesterday, the 28th, on worship day, we saw him pass by our doors. Upon seeing it was him, we ran and invited him to come and worship, and he came in. We asked him, "Why have you not been coming?" He said, "I came but didn't find anyone. I thought you were not here. Today, I just walked by." We saw he was troubled, so after worship, we taught him how to pray, and he was very happy to learn and promised he would come again the next Sunday.

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He asked us to go to his house to share the Gospel.

Lei Chufeng Wang Chenzi

Li S 60 years old lived in uptown was a farmer

In his spare time, he loved to read books. He read all of the Gospel books that we gave him, and he also told his wife and son the Gospel. Everytime we went to spread the Gospel or have fellowship and passed

by his house, he always asked us to chat about the Gospel. His wife's last name is L, 57 years old. She has a small booth where she sold food, and she was also willing to believe in the Lord. Everytime we went to their home, if her husband is home, she would rush to tell her husband to come out and chat with us. She is so happy to accept the Gospel. We led that couple to believe. Every night, they would take turns coming in to listen to the Gospel. On Sundays, they all came to worship.

Liu Yunfeng Lei Chufeng

Liu C 16 years old the wife of schoolmate Liu Y living in Qiao Jiao Bridge about one mile from Bai Di Her husband believed the Lord, but she doesn't; she actually opposed it. We saw that her husband loved God very much, so we always went to persuade her to believe in God. Thank God, now, she not only believes but is also very passionate. Every Lord's day, the husband and wife both come

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to worship. Each night, they both come together to study the Bible. They are a testimony of the Lord. We are very happy. May the Lord bless their family. Amen.

Liu Yunfeng Lei Chufeng

Luo L 56 years old lives near the train station that place is also named Tuan San Ling, about six miles from our place.

She loves Buddha and is a vegetarian. She often goes to the Buddhist temple to worship. She has a disease that made her whole body swollen. Nothing could treat it. Reciting Buddhist chants didn't help. So, she felt that Buddha would not help. We shared the Gospel with her, persuading her to depend on Jesus. She was very moved and was willing to believe the Lord and learn how to pray. We taught her how to pray. Afraid to forget, she asked us to write it down on paper. We wrote several ways to pray, and she was very happy when she read it. In the middle of the month, we went there, and she was all healed and shared a testimony of the Lord. She said, "Thank you for telling me to believe in the Lord. Every morning and night I pray, and in only ten days, my sickness was gone. I didn't eat medicine, didn't worship Buddha, but just prayed to Jesus to protect me, forgive my sin, and treat my sickness." Everybody who heard this all felt Jesus was real. We told her, "Now you're recovered, you should come to worship the Lord every Sunday." People in the street who came to see her, she would

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Tell them of the Lord's mercy. Even the people who believed in the Lord were greatly encouraged by her. Each one who saw her countenance saw a light.

Liu Yunfeng Wang Hesong

Liu J 18 years old living in He Tang Ping about seven miles from our place

We spread the Gospel on the street, and many people listened. Some were moved. On the Lord's day, only J came. Every Lord's day, he would come. He also asked us about books about the Gospel. If he didn't know a word, he would write it down and on Lord's day, he would come to ask us about it. It is the Lord's influence that makes him so passionate. May the Lord give him more strength to overcome the world and lead other people to the Lord. This is our true desire.

Zhuo Shaopeng Quan Shengyi

Liu L 81 years old he lives on the same street as us he sells flour

He read the Gospel books and was moved, willing to depend on Jesus. His hearing is not that good, but every night, he still comes to Bible study. He is very happy and wants others to believe in Jesus. He prays at home. Every time we would have fellowship with him, he would sit at home and read the Bible. Thank God that even this old person can be saved.

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Zhuo Shaopeng Wang Chenzi

Liu T 26 years old Tian Z 24 years old

Tian Y 18 years old These three brothers are students, and were moved by listening to the Gospel, being willing to believe in Jesus. After believing in the Lord, every night, they took turns coming to Bible study. They really improved in their knowledge. Now their whole family all believe in the Lord (about 12 people). This month, on the 29th, they destroyed the idols at home and put the Bibles at home. Everything changed. Thank God, hallelujah.

Zhuo Shaopeng Wang Yuesong

Liu H 36 years old lives in Wei Xing Hao

After listening to the Gospel, she felt moved. She came because across from her home lives a woman named Chen Lin, who believed in God, who often came to listen to the sermons and recovered from her illness. Her husband didn't believe. She still strongly wants to believe. At the end of this month, she signed her name and her husband was not against it, so she was very happy.

Zhuo Shaopeng Wang Chenzi

Cheng Q 57 years old lives in uptown owns a medicine shop

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He is very rich. Everybody respects him. When we first came to this place, we talked to him and he believed. He often comes to our place to study the Bible, and he comes on Lord's day as well to worship. Because he quarreled with his wife, he left to Guangxi province. At the end of the month, he came home and strongly believed in the Lord because when he was living in Guangxi, he met another missionary and was persuaded to believe in Jesus. So he came back to sign his name and believed in the Lord.