

Pray for
The DEPEW Family
CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN CHINA



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Dear Pastors and Praying friends,

Tiffany and I are currently in China as I am writing this update! For the past ten days we had the incredible opportunity to visit four cities throughout northeast China. God used this trip to give us a renewed passion for the billion souls in China who have never heard the gospel! We learned and experienced so much this past week and certainly have a lot to consider the rest of the year before we move to China. We want to thank everyone who prayed for us during our survey trip. We truly appreciate all of you!

Cities: Tianjin, Dalian, Changchun, and Shenyang were four cities we surveyed during our trip. Each city was massive, ranging in population from 6 million - 13 million people! We only had a few days to survey each city, which only allowed us to barely scratch the surface. However, we had one of our veteran teammates (Mark Tolson) serve as our tour guide, which was incredibly helpful! One thing that sticks out after visiting each city is how difficult it was to find even one gospel preaching church. There is such a great need for church planting missionaries in these large cities. We are going to continue to pray and seek guidance before we make a decision on which city we will move to. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated.

People: We were able to get connected with a Chinese lady named Zhao Di. She is a believer and used to attend one of our teammate's church in Harbin before she moved to Tianjin! She was also very helpful by giving us a fresh perspective about the city and Christianity in China. We found out that since she moved three years ago, she hasn't been able to find a gospel preaching church in Tianjin (pop. of 13 million!) One of the highlights of our trip was taking an unplanned train ride up to Harbin to visit one of the national pastors that Jake Taube discipled. His name is Levi and his wife just had their first child. It was a joy to surprise and encourage them for a few hours.

Potential: It was exciting for us to get a birds-eye view of the cities as we dreamed what God could do in each respective mega-city. As Project China grows, so does our experience and knowledge, to see what works and what doesn't. We are thankful for those who have paved the way for us to be bold about our savior in China. There is still so much work to be done in the world's largest populated country. Would you consider praying about coming to China to help us boldly advance the gospel?

In Christ,

Tom, Tiffany & Lydia Depew