

## MISSION STATEMENT

Build financial relief for missionaries-in-training and missionaries in the field.  
Grow a prayer lifeline to nurture their spiritual, physical and economic needs.

## A LIFE DEDICATED TO THE LORD

*by Mark Wong*

**M**y initial calling to overseas missionary service began in the Fall of 1999 at a church mission conference. At the end of the conference there was an altar call for anyone who wanted to dedicate their lives to missions. Initially, I did not feel like I should go up. However, after some hesitation, I felt the increasingly strong nudge from the Lord. I felt Him ask me if I really knew what it meant to give my life to Him. I responded that I didn't fully comprehend the concept, but I was willing to take the first step of response.

At this time, I was working in the Silicon Valley as a software engineer at an internet startup. The company ran out of money and because I had only been working there a few months, I was laid off along with other new employees. But my time of unemployment was not long. I interviewed and was made an offer at another internet company. As I was praying about whether I should take this offer, I was reminded of a desire that the Lord had put in my heart a year ago from that time. I had become acquainted with Youth With A Mission and their six month Christian training school, Discipleship Training School. I felt that the Lord was calling me to finally do a DTS. To be totally honest, my first reaction was one of fear. The thought of giving up a good job offer to do DTS was frightening to me. I hadn't realized it at the time, but over

the years of having a good job in the Silicon Valley, it started becoming my identity and security. The next few weeks and months, I wrestled with this decision.

After much discernment and counsel from my pastor and other spiritual leaders, I declined the job offer and enrolled in DTS. The school was located in Hong Kong. After three months of life transforming discipleship classes, the class went to China for a two month outreach. We did friendship evangelism to university students in China. I had the privilege of leading several people to Christ. Several years later, I still keep in touch with some of these people and they are still strongly following the Lord and have led others to Christ. I was amazed that the Lord could use me like that. It was at that time that I felt that doing evangelism and discipleship in China was more important than having a good job in the U.S. The most important lesson I learned during this time was that when sacrifice to obey God, He makes it worth the sacrifice. The verse that spoke to me about this is Mathew 29:19, "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life." It was the best time of my life and it was during that time that God solidified my missionary calling to China.

After coming back, I worked at

my church as an IT support person and administrator for two years. Then the Lord called me to Fuller Seminary. Now that I am done, I am seeking to serve in an overseas development organization such as World Vision. One of the biggest social problems in China is the huge disparity between the rich and the poor. I see development organizations to help the poor as a key way to show God's love to the Chinese people. This was confirmed the last time I was in China when I found out that World Vision has an office in Yunnan province.

So my journey to follow God calls has been marked by fear, hesitation, God's encouragement and love and His power to obey. Overall, though, I am motivated most not by missions but by my relationship with God. One of my life verses is John 15:5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." Another one is Philippians 3:10-11, "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead." The most important thing for me is to grow in my relationship with God. That's my main motivation for following His call to be a missionary. I know that by doing His will, I will be abiding in Him and experience more of His glory.

# Prayer Requests



## A. For Harvesters:

1. Thankful for the dedicated prayer warriors who persistently pray for the scholarship recipients and the foundation.
2. Thankful for the provision of supporting graduates (now full time missionaries) in their mission fields.
3. Thankful for the Lord's guidance.
4. Thankful for the protection of the recipients' study and the graduation of Mark, Jared and Catherine.
5. The Lord blessed a joint venture with Anhui English Camp. May he channel the blessings to the locals.
6. Protect Gilbert and Edith's journey to the mission field.

## B. For Current Scholarship Recipients:

1. Rebecca in Russia
  - Her handlings of family, ministry, work and school.
  - Her daughter's adjustment to US college life
  - Her husband's possible change of mission location
2. Jared & Catherine – current year graduate, moving into mission field
  - Ease the tension in our target country. Obtain employment or visas. For continued communication with our contacts.
  - One source observed that making friendships can be a very slow process. Pray now that we will have the endurance and a supportive community back home to help us through these struggles. Pray also for the Spirit to be moving in hearts, drawing them to Himself, and that we can have divine appointments with them one day soon.
3. Mark – current year graduate, preparing for the mission field
  - pray for wisdom and love as I lead a cell group at my church
  - pray that I would be trained and prepared for overseas work as I serve here in the US.
  - guidance to find the right job that will prepare me for missionary work as well as help pay my seminary loans
4. Ester
  - Pray for me that I have clear vision for the ministry.
  - Pray for me that I have wisdom and skill to do wonderful children ministry.
  - Pray for my summer pastoral internship in Australia from June 1 to July 31. I will have 2 times preaching and serve in young adult ministry, woman ministry, Sunday School for young adult and adult, and help children Sunday school teachers training. Pray for my finance to go to Australia.
5. Alan
  - the completion of his thesis and the balance of the demands in the ministry
  - wife's health
  - women's ministry

## C. For the graduates in their Mission Fields:

1. John in limited access country
  - Continue to guide the students who attended the student retreat
  - His hand will protect the Sunday Seminar and disciple meetings
  - Pray for his guidance
2. Cassook (Ester) in U.S.

- The hearts of the students at USC will be opened to the gospel
  - The partnership with Santa Monica College staff will flourish
  - Leading over 20 students to a short term mission in the summer
  - Bless each student with a divine mission experience
3. Jason in Honduras
    - the provision of the orphanage establishment in South America
    - website address is [www.givehope2kids.org](http://www.givehope2kids.org)
  4. Tim – getting ready to go to a limited access country
  - His guidance and protection
  - Wisdom to learn the language and preparation to reach out to the locals

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Expenses

Scholarship distribution	\$23,500
Postage	\$107
Total expenses	\$23,607

### Assets

Cash	\$21,210
Stock	\$94,678
Mutual Fund	\$366,630
Total funding as of March 31, 2006	\$482,518

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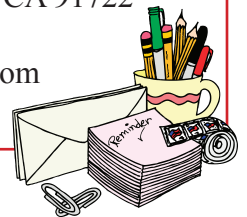
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*"Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.' And God granted his request."*

1 Chronicles 4:10

## 宗旨

為宣教士與宣教學生提供經濟的支持，建立禱告的網絡，  
澆灌神的工人，在靈性、身體與經濟上的需要。

## 一生獻主用

Mark Wong

我在1999年秋季一個差傳會議中第一次聽到海外宣教的呼召，會議結束時講員呼召聽眾奉獻生命作宣教事工。我起初不感到我當回應，但經過一些掙扎後，我感到主在我心中催逼我，祂問我是否真明白「將生命獻祂」的意義。我回應說我不完全明白，但我願意走出第一步。

那時候，我在矽谷一間電腦網公司任軟件工程師。公司虧了本，而我只在那公司工作了幾個月，所以我也和其他新上任的同事一同被解僱了。但我失業並不長，很快又有一件新工作要我去見並且僱用我。當我為這份新工作禱告時，神提醒我祂一年前向我說的話。我認識了「異象青年」機構和他們辦的為期六個月的DTS「門徒訓練學校」，我感到神呼召我去參加DTS。老實說，我當時心中很懼怕，想到要把一份好工放棄，參加DTS真叫我害怕，在矽谷多年的工作，我不知不覺間把工作變成我的身份保障，我就這樣掙扎了幾個月。

經過多次跟我的牧師和其他屬靈領袖會談，我決定辭退這份工作的邀請，一心參加DTS，學校位於香港，經過三個月的嚴格訓練，全班跑進中國做兩個月外展事工，我們向大學生分享福音，我也領了幾個人信主。幾年後，我仍保持與他們聯絡，知道他們繼續跟隨主，也領別人歸主。看見神這樣用我，我感驚奇。我開始了解到在中國做佈道和門訓比在美國有份好工更重要。我學到一個重要功課：犧牲順服神，神必叫我們的犧牲有價值。馬太福音19:29告訴我：「凡為我的名撇下房屋或是弟兄姐妹、父親、母親、兒女、田地的，必要得著百倍，並且承受永生。」這是我生命中最美好的時刻，神在這

時候肯定了我中國宣教的呼召。

回來美國後，我在自己教會任一名「資訊工藝」(IT)和行政的同工有兩年，神就呼召我到富樂神學院進修，現在畢業了。我想找一間海外發展機構，如宣明會去參與事奉。

中國一個很大的社會問題就是貧富懸殊，我想藉著發展機構來幫助貧窮人，向中國人顯出神的愛。上一次我到中國，我發現宣明會在雲南有辦事處，就更肯定我的心願。

我跟隨神的旅程是滿著驚恐，猶疑，神的勉勵和愛，和祂的加力叫我可以順服祂。雖然我不是被宣教事工推動了我，神和我的關係催逼我事奉祂。我有一節聖經常鼓勵我。〈約15:5〉「我是葡萄樹，你們是枝子，常在我裏面的，我也常在他裏面，這人就多結果子，因為離了我，你們就不能作甚麼。」另一節聖經是〈腓3:10-11〉「使我認識基督，曉得祂復活的大能，並且曉得和祂一同受苦，效法祂的死，或者我也得以長進。」這是我回應祂作宣教士的主要動力。我知道行祂旨意，我就在祂裏面，和更多經歷祂的榮耀。



# 感恩、代禱事項



## 一、收割者基金會：

- 1、求神繼續帶領基金會前面的道路，使本會更合主用。
- 2、感謝諸位禱告勇士們，不斷的為神學生及基金會代禱。
- 3、感謝 神供應畢業生在工場上的需要。
- 4、感謝 神保守每一位神學生的學習，今年有三位畢業：Mark, Jared及Catherine。
- 5、感謝神回應我們的禱告，終於為基金會，開闢與安徽英文營一起同工的機會，讓好消息藉著不同的管道，傳遞給當地的同胞。
- 6、為Gilbert和Edith前面事奉的工場代禱。
- 7、為擴張董事會，求主感動在宣教事工上，有同一異象的弟兄姊妹參與。

## 二、神學生的需要：

- 1、Rebecca
  - 家庭、事奉、工作與學業的均衡。
  - 女兒能適應美國大學的生活。
  - 丈夫預備轉換事奉崗位，正尋求 神的帶領。
- 2、Jared & Catherine 應屆畢業生，等候事奉工場
  - 為國家緊張政局得以緩和。繼續向當局申請，希望獲准工作及簽證，現正接洽、溝通及聯繫中。
  - 據資料報告，要與當地人士建立友誼，並不是一件容易的事，求 神給我們有百般的忍耐，藉著後方的代禱與支持，使我們能面對一切的困難。求聖靈改變人心，回轉尋求祂。更為我們預備機會與他們分享。
- 3、Mark 應屆畢業生，等候事奉工場
  - 求主賜智慧與愛心去帶領教會小組。
  - 在這段事奉的日子裡，讓我接受訓練，準備到海外宣教。
  - 求神預備一份工作，可以鍛鍊我日後走上宣教工場，和還清學生貸款。
- 4、Ester
  - 事奉崗位的異象。
  - 賜下智慧與技巧在兒童事工事奉。
  - 六月一日至七月三十一日在澳洲做見習傳道，包括兩次講道、參與青年 及婦女事工、成人主日學、培訓兒童主日學教師等。為短宣的經濟禱告。
- 5、Alan
  - 完成畢業論文及各方面事奉的均衡。
  - 妻子的健康。
  - 婦女事工。

## 三、在工場的畢業生：

- 1、John — 在非自由國家
  - 求神帶領退修營之後，學生們的長進。
  - 求神眷顧星期日的培訓班與門徒聚會。
  - 求神帶領。
- 2、Cassook (Ester) — 在美國
  - 為USC的學生，使他們的心向福音開放。

- 與Santa Monica College 教授們的同工關係得以發展。
  - 帶領廿多位學生參加短宣。
  - 祝福每一位短宣的學生，有一個屬靈的經歷。
- 3、Jason — 在宏都拉斯（現在叫貝里斯）
    - 供給孤兒院的需要
    - 網址：[www.givehope2kids.Org](http://www.givehope2kids.Org)。
  - 4、Tim — 準備到非自由國家
    - 求神的帶領與保守。
    - 求神賜智慧去學習語言與接觸當地的民族。

## 財務報告

### 支出：

獎學金.....	\$ 23,500
文房開支.....	\$ 107
合計.....	\$ 23,607

### 資產：

現金.....	\$ 21,210
股票.....	\$ 94,678
基金.....	\$ 366,630
二〇〇六年三月底 合計.....	\$ 482,518

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