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God is Building His Church in China

While major construction projects in the West have been, for the most part, wound down or interrupted by the economic slowdown no such calm can be seen in the streets and building sites of Beijing, China. Starting from the construction of a new major Hilton Hotel at the Beijing Capital Airport all the way to almost every major thoroughfare in the world class city the Beijing skyline is filled with cranes everywhere. This is not a rush to completion for the Beijing Olympics, now passed. This is the quickening pace of a growing economy, although somewhat slowed by the economic downturn of Western countries. Suddenly China is being catered to as the potential rescuer of other major currencies. Recently the U. K. based charity Harvest Fields Commissioning International and its film and TV production arm OLI Productions was in Beijing to film footage for an upcoming film on China - "Building God's Church in China". The film is the third to be made about the spiritual climate in this Asian nation. The growth and spiritual building of the Christian Church in China resembles the growth and development of the building trade there.

Director of HFC International, David Sullivan, comments "The growth of the church in China is phenomenal. Many estimates put it at over 100 million and growing by 1% each year." He adds, "Most countries would be discouraged at such a low growth rate but it is consistent and reflects over 1 million new Believers in some kind of church every single year."

The church situation in China is so complex that even the Christian population is unsure of the ins and outs of it. There are Underground / House Churches, The 3-Self Registered Churches and even some International churches who's attendance is limited to those with a foreign passport. The House Churches are, for the most part, unregistered. Yet, there are registered House Churches. Within the House Church registration there are two main types of classifications: hard registered and soft registered. In order to more fully comprehend the Christian climate in China HFC International and OLI Productions are producing at least five films on China. "Building God's Church in China" is the third - preceded by "CHINA: Reflections from Heaven" and "BEIJING: City of 1,000 stories". These films are part of a range of DVD films / TV programmes named "Into All the World". The series is currently being broadcast on 15 Christian and independent television networks around the world including SAT 7 (the Middle East), CNL (Russia and worldwide), Gospel Channel (Scandinavia), The Australian Christian Channel, the Alfa and Omega Network (Romania and worldwide), Premier TV (U.K.), Shine TV (New Zealand), U Channel (Indonesia), the Family 7 Network (Holland), The Miracle Channel (Canada) and IFBN (Israel). A companion series "Principles of Leadership" is also currently being broadcast and features well know Christian leaders such as New York Times best selling author Joyce Meyer, Dr. Luis Palau, Andrew Wommack, George Carey, George Verwer, Lisa Bevere, Loren Cunningham, Brother Andrew (author of the best selling book "God's Smuggler) and Brother Yun (author of the best selling book "The Heavenly Man").

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