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God is Mightily Building His Church in China

Sometimes it is easy to imagine that the Christian Church in China spends all of its time in the “darkness” hiding from perils. Yet, as Harvest Fields Commissioning International recently discovered on one of its filming and fact finding missions there, God is doing mighty things in that huge country. HFC International, a U. K. based charity, and its media production arm, OLI Productions were in the country to film 6 films and TV programmes for international distribution. While there they were able to meet and interview three of the most key Christian leaders in China today - all who are being salt and light in public view.

Zhao Xiao, one of China’s top economists, was an atheist who was sent by the government to the U. S. to discover what makes a strong economy. What he found was that a country, like the U. S., that has a strong church and strong Christians also has a strong economy. He found that these Believers were contributing greatly to the moral fibre of the land, thus ensuring a more honest and self-sacrificing work force. It is this that led him to become a Believer himself.

Shaun Bao, is a member of China’s Royal Family, a descendent of the Emperor. After his parents were sent to reeducation camps he grew up with his grandmother. Next Shaun became a well known film actor after being “discovered” by Mao’s wife and promoted in his career. One day, with fame and fortune, Shaun attempted suicide but was stopped by a young man inviting him to a Christian gathering. He accepted this invitation and the next one - to receive Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. Today Shaun holds conferences to promote peace and understanding and religious expression.

Liu Peng stated that the laws should be changed and House Churches be given legal status. This might not be such an uncommon thought or a whispered hope in China. However, his words were recorded in an interview in China’s main Communist newspaper. Outsiders were not surprised at his words but shocked that they were reprinted in such a publication. Today Liu still dialogues with the government on ways and extents to change the laws to include rather than exclude this quickly growing phenomena.

From different backgrounds and different perspectives these three men are just a few of the too often unheard stories of Christians in China being salt and being light to both influence and impact a society that is changing from godless to more accepting of the religious expressions of its people. China is indeed changing. The one-time nation of peasants now has hundreds of thousands of millionaires and billionaires. It boasts the world’s fastest growing church with the number of Christians being estimated at 100 million or more. Most Believers there believe that this country will, more and more, be changed but this time from within by the hearts and lives of people dedicated to serving God.

HFC International has a mission to assist in raising up and encouraging churches and leaders in over 47 countries and on all 5 continents for work in churches, charities and other humanitarian assistance groups. Its website is at: www.principles.tv.