



**Lifeline**  
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## THE “NORTH STAR” PROJECT

*One of our goals in 2010 is to accelerate the work of church planting with our partners in China.*

### THE PLAN

**For many years Lifeline International has made monthly commitments of bibles, funds and teams to select house church networks.** These have become our strongest relationships in China and we commit much of our travel and time to provide training seminars for these groups. The goal of these efforts is see churches planted in unreached areas.

**The strategy we have now adopted has been dubbed “North Star” by the Chinese.** The plan consists of supporting trained Chinese workers for 2 years, enabling them to plant churches. After two years the new church will fully support the pastor and will have the goal of supporting and sending two workers to another area.

**The goal is to plant churches in 12 targeted cities and see 100,000 believers supporting 1,000 workers as missionaries to their province and beyond.**

The believers involved are very organized and highly motivated with this vision. Training sessions preparing workers are conducted on a continual basis. Cases of bibles and other supplies are provided by Lifeline International.

We presently support several of these workers including two gifted young people who have now successfully planted a church at a university campus. Our job now is to raise more sponsors for this project

**My request is for prayer over this project. This month we will be asking churches and businessmen to get on board the North Star Project by supporting a Chinese church planter for 2 years; a \$2,400 commitment.**

### THE FRUIT

*Three of the newest house churches.*



*Students receiving the Holy Spirit*

# 2010

## A Year of Opportunity

A new year is a great time to review, learn from the previous year and embrace the opportunities ahead.

**Because opportunities involve timing - it is possible to miss them when they come knocking.** A failure to act or take a risk because of fear, laziness or selfishness have squashed many opportunities. Procrastination is the graveyard of lost opportunity.

The Bible gives us many stories of opportunity lost. Many judgments came because the opportunities to repent were neglected. Jerusalem had a day of visitation. Prophets were sent and ignored. The Rich young ruler – missed his opportunity. Some cities that Jesus visited rejected Him. The disciples were instructed to shake the dust from their feet in some situations.

Several parables tell the same sad story: Lazarus in hell, the rich man's dinner, the parable of the talents; all were given opportunity. Five of the 10 virgins were not ready and missed their opportunity.

Regret is the result of lost opportunities but realized dreams and accomplishments are the result of seizing the day of opportunity. **Here are some common opportunities we have before us in 2010:**



**1. The opportunity for a clean start.** There are many who do not celebrate the arrival of a new year – they celebrate the survival of the old one. That being the case, 2010 is an opportunity for a new beginning. It is wise to learn from history and mistakes that were made in 2009, but as the great philosopher of our time, Yogi Berra, once said, "History belongs in the past". Some baggage does not need to be dragged into a new year. Wrong attitudes, bitterness, past failures, hurts or disappointments should be left behind. **The common sense of the wise cattle farmer should prevail: "always close the gate behind you"**.

**2. The opportunity to increase your greatness.** Yes, God encourages you to be great. The way to do it is to serve somewhere - give your time, talent and money. If you want to be great in God's kingdom learn to be the servant of all.

**3. The opportunity to change lives for eternity.** Perhaps the greatest opportunity we have is to rescue men and women from an eternal hell by promoting the gospel of Jesus Christ. **Giving someone who lives in a distant country the chance to hear and receive the free gift of eternal life is the greatest accomplishment of all.** In 2010, we will do our best to present to you the best opportunities we can to accomplish what will matter for eternity.

**We are grateful beyond words for those who have faithfully supported our work among the nations this past year.** We believe you have taken an opportunity to increase heavenly reward and bring glory to God. May God prosper you in the New Year!

*Bill & Susan*

*(Don't laugh)*

*Our team being honored,*

*The Mongolian way!*