



# Lifeline

## INTERNATIONAL

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*Proclaiming Truth, Providing Help*

## Staying one step ahead of the Devil

If our news sometimes sounds a little vague it is for a good reason. For security reasons, we cannot print names or places. Some details about our travels and activities are omitted. We also strive to keep our full names and the work we are doing off the Internet for the security of those we are working with.

**It has already become necessary to adjust our schedule this month due to police interference.** Just weeks before our scheduled youth meetings with the Churches, the authorities came to a Church gathering and video taped the meeting. The Church leaders were then taken to the police station for 7 hours for questioning.

This sort of police activity is a quite common. It is an attempt to keep illegal religious meetings under control. To be found meeting with foreigners is even more dangerous and brings serious consequences to the Chinese leaders.

We are extremely thankful for the prayers of the saints on our behalf. **In 12 years of working inside China we have had very few incidents and no trouble caused for the Chinese believers.**

The guidance and protection of the Holy Spirit has been an vital element in our mission. The Spirit has warned us on several occasions to shut down meetings and disperse before police arrived.

One night as we walked toward a gathering, we were only a block away when I sensed the Holy Spirit warning me to turn around. Despite the urging of the accompanying Chinese pastors, I insisted that we turn back. **Just as we had turned around, a messenger from the meeting came running up reporting that the police had just arrived and were taking everyone's names.** This news inspired us to pick up our pace considerably! Had we Americans showed up with the pastors while the meeting was being raided, things could have gone very badly.



*This photo needs a good explanation! It was necessary for us to go to a small village one afternoon, but the sight of a foreigner entering the town would bring too much attention. So this was my disguise as the believers brought me into town on the back of a motorcycle. I was hidden, but God really "showed out" and did remarkable miracles that day!*

The Government is always suspicious of foreigners, so we depend on the wisdom of God in all we do. When visiting villages we always seem to have the spiritual sense of when to quit and get out of town. The Holy Spirit has kept us invisible for a long time for the sake of the gospel!

# Itinerary

May 2	Calvary Baptist Church Wrightsville, GA
May 20th	New Covenant Church Tifton, GA
May 21- June 1	China
June 23,24	Restoration Church of the Highlands Sebring, FL

# An Inside Look



*While we are busy teaching, a Chinese four-star lunch is being prepared.*

**This month Bill, Andrew and Nathan are in China ministering to the youth.** They are also traveling to a remote part of the nation to minister to a network of Churches.

Part of the mission will be to prepare the way for Study Bibles to be delivered into that area. It is necessary to have a good distribution plan in place before deliveries can begin. Once bibles are printed they must be moved quickly.

**It is our plan to step up the number of missions into China this year.** Difficulties with security and other circumstances have hindered our last two missions. We miss more than the Chinese food. It is our meat to do the will of God. There is no greater glory to the Father nor fulfillment in life than to do His will. China is continually calling out, "Come and help us".

Thank you for your support of our ministry. At this time we ask that you prayer for us. **When you finish reading this newsletter would you lift a prayer to the Father for his continued protection and success in our work.** Thank you!

Can't do without Jesus,

*Brother Bill*



*This Pastors luncheon looks a little different than the typical American pastor's gathering!*



*A Chinese buffet (the real deal).*