

Presbyterian Heritage Discovery in China



Pre-trip flier



October 15-27, 2012

Purpose of this mission

The first Presbyterian Church was built in China in 1845 in Zhejiang Province, which is in eastern China. Today, by the grace of God, the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit, and the faithfulness of dear brothers and sisters during period of deep darkness, the church is growing in unparalleled ways. The Outreach Foundation is privileged to come alongside these brothers and sisters, bringing to them the gift about which the apostle Paul wrote in Romans 1:16-17, “I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine” (ESV).

In order to introduce you briefly to the work of this trip we are sending you this pre-trip flier. We will provide daily journals as often as we are able, which will provide greater detail.

Our team members will travel for two days on a journey that in 1845 took far longer, arriving in Shanghai from various parts of the world on Tuesday, October 16. While there we will meet with representatives of the China Christian Council.

From Shanghai we travel to Hangzhou, which is a special city for Susan Boone, one of our team members. Susan was a long term missionary in China and has many friends in this city. We are delighted to have the opportunity to meet them. While there we will visit Zhejiang Theological Seminary, be hosted by leadership of the Zhejiang Provincial Christian Council and the Ningbo Christian Council, visit the Christian Training Center in Ningbo, and several churches.

Following Sunday worship we will travel to Nanjing, where we will meet with the leadership of Nanjing Union Theological Seminary, Jiangsu Theological Seminary, and the Christian Council of Jiangsu. We will also have an opportunity to check out the Amity

Printing Company, which is the primary source for Bibles in China.

From Nanjing, we travel to Huai’an City where we will meet with the Christian Council there and tour the Ruth Bell Graham Exhibition. Huai’an is a city on the way to Beijing, our final destination, and there we will be hosted by the leadership of the Beijing Christian Council.

We are looking forward to sharing with you this discovery of the Presbyterian Heritage in eastern China and share stories of the many people we will meet along our way. We thank you for your prayerful support during these two weeks and so you may know who we are by name we are listing ourselves here. You’ll hear more about each of us as our journals progress.

Team members

Trip leaders: Peter Lim and Jeff Ritchie.

Their eager disciples: Kathy Badgley, Nelson Bell, Vic Bloede, Susan Boone, Thomas Boone, Ed Hurley, Tom McDow, Judi Wheeler, Katie and Tom Widmer, and Choon Lim.

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