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***“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.***

***The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’” John 1:1-5, 9-15 NIV***

Andrew penned the following message and included the verses above as he was flying to China December 6:

***“I will share about the light of life, Jesus Christ, and His coming at Christmas. There is a chapter in our Christmas book published in China, on the light and the image of the star and the wisemen. I will utilize that image and truth to share the good news. We are giving 10,000 books as gifts that carry the gospel even further. The horses are ready, but victory is in the Lord’s hands.”***

The book, “What is Christmas,” is printed with Mandarin on one side and English on the other. It was approved for publication and distribution by the Minister of Culture. The book’s content includes the Meaning of Christmas, Christmas Around the World, Santa Claus, Gift Giving, Christmas Lights, Candy Cane, Christmas Tree, Christmas Star, and The Nativity Scene. The closing section asks the question, “Which Christmas will you choose?” Pray for the message, the seeds sown grow to maturity and for the harvest.

Please also pray:

- **Isaiah 61:1-3** for Andrew, ***“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me (Andrew,) because the Lord has anointed me (Andrew) to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me (Andrew) to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of***

*mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.”*

- **Psalm 5:11-12** for the team: *But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.*

As we seek peace and rest, we turn our eyes to Christmas and **Isaiah 9:6-7** *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. Amen.*

*Love in Christ,  
Gail Link & Connie Luebke*



*Individuals receiving the book "What Is Christmas" in China.*