

Dear Friends,

These transcribed notes were taken by my wife Lori during our visit with a Chinese brother in Los Angeles who endured 21 years in a Communist prison camp as political prisoner for his faith in Christ. God provided several us the opportunity to meet with several hundred house church leaders and workers in seven provinces in China for two weeks in 2005 and again for a month in 2007. This was again arranged by Peter Xu Yongze and in 2007. On this second trip I was accompanied by my dear brother, Phil Beach (now with the Lord). Like brother Joshua Wu, what these precious saints have learned and gained from the Lord through unspeakable suffering and persecution continues to humble me knowing that the Church in the West will not be spared from experiencing the same type of persecution in the very near future! (1 Pet. 4:12 w/ Heb. 12:25-29 w/ Rev. 19:7-8 w/ Eph. 5:26-27).

When they were both residing in China Peter Xu was the pastor of brother Yun (The Heavenly Man) and shared prison time together for preaching the gospel. Brother Xu was in prison with brother Yun when God miraculously intervened and brother Yun escaped from China's maximum security prison! You may read both of their testimonies and accounts of their work in China through the books of Paul Hattaway. I have made some of you aware of the testimony of these Chinese brothers before, but wanted to bring them to your attention again for all those who have since been added to our email updates!

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Blessings,
Doug Riggs

Notes from meeting with Brother Yu:

Dear Brethren,

Just a few weeks ago (circa 2005) several of us from Morning Star (we have since moved to Syracuse, NY) were privileged to meet with an elderly brother in Christ named Joshua Yu. Joshua is from China and as a younger man he spent 21 years in a labor reform camp, better known to us as a communist prison camp. This was one of the main highlights of our trip to California and we praise God for the privilege, honor and opportunity that He provided for us. We don't deserve to have spent two hours in his presence. Yet every minute of it we were at ease and felt no strain or discomfort, nor did we see any attitude of superiority in him. He is humble and Christ is his life.

At one point during those two hours (which fled by too quickly!) Doug asked him what he would say to the Church in America if he knew that something like the Communist revolution was coming upon US. I quickly got a piece of paper so that I could take notes. I am so glad that I did! I wanted to pass what he said along to you.

1. The first thing he would say to the Church in America is: **REPENT**. He said our hearts are not after the heart of God. We are lovers of ourselves, of money, of the world. We must ask the Lord to enlighten us, to see that we are poor, destitute, miserable, naked (Rev. 3:14-22). He said we should ask the Lord to show us our **REAL** state. He used Peter as an example of not knowing who he truly was, and afterwards of the deep repentance, to the point of hating himself. He made it clear that it is the LORD that gives the spirit of repentance (Acts 11:18). He said what we need is not ordinary repentance, but what they call in China a "renting of your bowels." Deep, deep repentance (Joel 2:12-13). Again, he said "Ask God to show us our real selves." He also said that as descendants of Adam we are not able to love God on our own. He must humble us. We must sanctify our lives, thoughts and everything we do unto God.

2. He mentioned that his dear father, who was a co-worker of Watchman Nee's and was martyred for Christ, lived the meaning of "abide in Christ." I Jn. 2:28 says "And now little children, abide [live, remain permanently] in Him, so that when He is made visible, we may have and enjoy perfect confidence [boldness, assurance] and not be ashamed and shrink from Him at His coming." He said this was his father's theme for

years and years, and should be ours as well. Constant, unceasing fellowship with God, dependence upon God. The Lord wants to show Christians the inner way of life, the path of life, the cross. We must be willing to be crucified in our experience (co-crucified with Christ; Gal. 2:20).

At this point he talked about how we in America are easily 'hurt.' We have 'thin skin.' When he tried sharing truth out of love and kindness with people upon arriving in America in the 1980's, he saw that they would get hurt, easily offended. He said when we share with others it ought to be in love, speaking softly, in meekness. Don't stand above others, higher, like a teacher. "The spirit of teaching is the spirit of pride" said Watchman Nee. Something Joshua (Wu) never forgot. We need to wash others' feet.

We were all talking about John being on the isle of Patmos for "the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus." Doug asked Joshua if he would define what the 'testimony of Jesus' is. Joshua paused, looked at Doug, and said "you first." This was a demonstration of humility and deference. It was precious! After Doug shared, then Joshua said: **REALITY**, spiritual reality. Joshua said this word is often on his heart. At a couple of points he even wept. His moments of silence were as profound to us as when he spoke out loud. He said we must pray for the Church to enter into spiritual reality. Only if our heart is true to God, is perfect toward God will we enter. When trial comes (as severe as the Communist takeover), it reveals our hearts AREN'T perfect. He then quoted 2 Chronicles 16:9 which says: "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose heart is blameless (whole, complete) toward Him." He said to ask the Lord to examine us and show us where our hearts are not perfect (blameless), to commit ourselves to Him as a lump of clay to the Potter. To pray: "Lord, do what You know is best to conform us to the image of Christ." I can't begin to tell you the authority and the weight of his words. **ALL** that he said to us that day was confirmation of what the Lord has been saying to us in the depths of our being for many years. It was so encouraging.

3. He told us we must ask the Lord to deliver us from anything displeasing to Him. **ANYTHING.**

As we concluded our time together, he mentioned how strategic it is to think on God's love, and to love one another. In I Peter 1:22 & 4:7-8 the Holy Spirit stressed loving one another "above **ALL things.**" **FERVENTLY!** Then in II Tim. 3 the Holy Spirit warns us about

men being lovers of self, lovers of this and that, and not lovers of God. Brother Joshua said love must characterize us. Love for God and for one another.

Finally, in light of John being the Apostle of love, he said that Watchman Nee had commented that John's gospel is at the end of the Gospels, his letters (I, II, and III John) are at the end of all the letters, and the book of Revelation, which he also authored, is at the end of the Old and New Testaments. John's message is **FOR THE END!!!** My spirit bore witness to that.

We thank and praise God for this precious brother, and we would encourage each of you to go to the website and order the two books that he has published in English. There is a third coming out soon. One of the books, called The Cross and Suffering is his own personal story of imprisonment. <http://www.cctmweb.net/eng.htm>

He walked us to the parking lot and kept following us out onto the walk. He waved like a child and we knew that our spirits had been joined as one in the Lord that day. We will never forget the blessing of being with that precious brother! I pray that these notes will build you up in Christ and inspire you to press on for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:7-17).

In His great love,
Lori