

Praise The Lord



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CHINA...THE MIRACLE HAS BEGUN!

It all began one night on *Live PRAISE THE LORD* when a strange little man, a prophet we were told, spoke a word so *immense, so overwhelming* I could not even receive it at the time. Ten years ago this message came—his eyes seemed to pierce into my very soul..."Paul, God has charged you to reach *CHINA* with the Gospel!" Oh brother! Mao Tse-Tung was still alive. The Communist revolution was still in its heyday. They were still *killing* Christians. China was *CLOSED*! He might as well have told me to take the next shuttle to the moon! But I never forgot that night or those eyes.

Not long after this, Jan and I met Nora Lam. Her story electrified us... Her grandfather, Chairman of the Bank of China, had lost everything in the Communist revolution. Nora was tortured because she would not renounce her faith and marched out before a firing squad. With the crack of the rifles—a light shone from heaven blinding the eyes of the Red guards and Nora's life was miraculously spared. Tears flowed from her classic oriental eyes as she relived the agony of that fateful night. For months she was forced into hard labor in a Communist work camp. Then she was finally given a release to join her husband in free Hong Kong to give birth to their son. As she walked across China—to *freedom*, the last miles were tortuous and long. She was pregnant with her second child—which she carried miraculously for 12 months before giving birth! That night Nora shared her dream with us—to reach her Chinese people by Television *soon—and Chinese PRAISE THE LORD was born!* For nearly ten years TBN has produced Nora's program—even paying for the air time (\$50,000 a year) to cover Taiwan (free China). But even the thought of televising the Gospel to Mainland China was all but unthinkable! Then the door opened a crack when President Nixon normalized relations with the People's Republic of China, and one quarter of the world's population that had lived in virtual isolation for 30 years—began to live again.

Two years ago, I visited China for the first time with Nora. Naturally I wanted to visit the TV stations. To my surprise, I found that Japan had invaded China with TV sets just like the rest of the world! I learned that *over 600 million people* watch a typical prime time program in China! Dear God...*could it be?* But how? There was still much persecution of the Church, and Christians were still forced to worship in secret "underground" home churches.

Then, wonder of wonders, I was invited to meet with Mr. Zhu Jing-He, Chairman of China Central Television. I found him to be friendly, cordial man—eager to reach out a hand of friendship to America! We discussed the possibility of an exchange of "cultural programs." We taped a brief greeting on New Year's Day 1986 and agreed with a handshake to pursue this exchange of programs. For two years, Nora Lam has been the link—the "go between"—carrying messages back and forth, even producing a pilot program for review. *Then another breakthrough in early 1987 when Arthur Blessitt actually walked with the CROSS in China!* Watchman Nee had died for proclaiming the Cross and now Arthur carries it publicly and witnesses for Jesus *without incident!* The door opens further!

Finally the day arrived in late November, Mr. Zhu Jing-He arrived with his delegation and a preliminary contract was signed on TBN *Live*—not only to exchange weekly programs, but to do a *four program mini-series!*—Are you ready for this?—*ON THE LIFE STORY OF NORA LAM!* A Chinese Christian, exiled for her faith in Jesus—is now, in effect, being *welcomed home and honored as a bridge builder between America and China!* I went to some lengths to explain to Mr. Zhu Jing-He that in America, it is difficult for us to separate our religious life and experience from our cultural life. I tried to show that being a Christian, simply made us better citizens—honest in our dealings and loving and caring toward our fellow man. He interrupted me to exclaim that there would be "*NO PROBLEM*" in our *expressing our religious faith in the programming that Nora would do!*

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Oh Partners, do you see it? The door is **WIDE OPEN to China!** Over one billion people are saying to us in America, "Come and be our friends!" What could be more exciting or prophetic! Jesus said:

"THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS AND THEN SHALL THE END COME." Matthew 24:14

How close are we? How much time do we have left to get the harvest in? Surely this is a breakthrough of historic proportions!

As you read this newsletter in early January, Jan and I will be in China—free to preach the Gospel in the State Church of Beijing—free to tell China that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. We will also be taping many of the TV segments which Nora will incorporate into her **CHINESE PRAISE THE LORD** programs, as well as, the mini-series of her life story, "CHINA CRY."

Beloved Partners—PRAY! Pray for God's protection; pray that God will give us *even more favor* as we meet with high level leaders of Mainland China. Pray for the finances, since we will be required to raise \$250,000 for the four part mini-series on Nora's life story and testimony. We did not raise this amount during our November Praise-A-Thon. So I am praying that many of you who want to see China receive Christ will help us with an extra special gift this month.

Remember, too, to pray for Italy. I returned recently from visiting our five stations there. Como is **ON THE AIR**, and we are developing a local studio to do local Italian PRAISE THE LORD! We are under construction in El Salvador for Channel 25! We are under construction in St. Lucia which will cover the Southern Caribbean islands! We are building Channel 42 in Midland/Odessa, Texas. We are waiting for FCC approval for Channel 24 in Portland, Oregon. We are developing the plans for the studio and equipment for Ciskei, So. Africa. We are building 35 new low and medium power TV stations. Dear Lord! I know I've forgotten something, so pray for that—too! Glory! We are moving so fast things get blurred, but OH! the JOY we feel as our very lives are consumed with the Harvest! "Go ye into ALL THE WORLD," was Jesus command and, together, we are DOING IT!

How Jan and I love you! How we wish we could take your hand and look into your eyes and tell you how much we love you! We know your needs and burdens grow heavy at times, but please know that we are praying for you.

"CASTING ALL YOUR CARE UPON HIM; FOR HE CARETH FOR YOU." I Peter 5:7

Jesus also said:

"MY YOKE IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT." Matthew 28:30

Partners, Come on—let's charge the gates of hell again! Doors ARE opening—prisoners are being set free! We are pulling down the strongholds of the enemy! **WE ARE BUILDING THE KINGDOM!**

Please write to Jan and me this month. Let us know you are still in this TBN army! Pray, witness, send a gift to help with China, be a TBN telephone prayer partner, help a needy neighbor, give someone a Bible...DO SOMETHING FOR JESUS! And watch Him meet your needs as we BE THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

Sincerely your brother in Christ,

Paul



HALLELUJAH WORLD! It is 24,901.55 miles AROUND THE WORLD—and our Arthur has walked every step of those 24,901.55 miles carrying his 90 lb. cross—telling thousands and thousands of people that "JESUS LOVES YOU!" Arthur is so special to all of us! We love you, Arthur, Sherry, Joel, Joshua, Jina, Joy, Joseph, Jerusalem and Benjie and Jerusha!

Thank you for loving them. Remember to pray for the Blessitts every day and watch Arthur three times a day on JOY TO THE WORLD—on YOUR TBN and Support Arthur's 5 minute program by designating to JOY TO THE WORLD, TBN, P.O. Box A, Santa Ana, CA 92711.

"Power in the Name of Jesus"—R.W. Schambach blessed our socks off in Seattle, at Melodyland and on the Praise-A-Thon Revivals. How we love this mighty man of God! He preaches like a prophet and LOVES to see people receive their healing. He loves to be with the people, lay hands on them and see them receive a miracle!

We love you Bro. Schambach! Watch his TBN program every Wednesday at 9 P.M. and Saturday at 7 P.M., Pacific Time. Help Keep this powerful preaching "on the air" on TBN—Send your love gift to Dr. R. W. Schambach, TBN, P.O. Box A, Santa Ana, CA 92711.





Captain of the Love Boat—Gavin MacLeod—dedicated our TBN Love Boat to our Captain and Lord Jesus Christ! The beautiful New Love Boat is docked in Federal Way, Washington's beautiful new studio! Come aboard Seattle/Tacoma and enjoy LIVE Local PRAISE every Friday morning 8 A.M. to 10 A.M. Also at our Love Boat dedication was eldest son of Dr. Billy Graham—Franklin Graham—and "God's Smuggler," Bro. Andrew. Thank you, Gavin and Patti MacLeod, for being with us two nights at our Seattle Revival!

Breathtakingly Beautiful Debra Pageant—star of "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS" and many other major motion pictures—now shines as bright as an angel—for Jesus! Debra loves Jesus with all her heart and is a beautiful shining example of HIS LOVE and how beautiful we can be for Him.

We love you, Debbie! Thank you for being a beautiful part of our TBN Family. Our Father always sends the very best to PRAISE for you at home. Always watch and be BLESSED, and support the PRAISE THE LORD program. We need to know you care. Send a Love Gift today to: TBN, P.O. Box A, Santa Ana, CA 92711.



Jesus said to His Family—"Will you just REMEMBER ME? I'll take all the stripes for your healing. I'll go to hell for your sins and shed my precious blood for you. Will you just remember what I've done for you?" We love to remember Jesus often on PRAISE with Holy Communion. Join us as we remember His death until He returns. (I Corinthians 11:23-26)

Keep PRAISE in YOUR home by supporting monthly. We need you! We love you!

If you have teenagers in your home, you have heard these words from them, "Mom and Dad, 'WHY WAIT?'" Josh McDowell has done a series on TBN that will answer all their questions. We have to know how to answer our children from the Word!

Josh and his son shared on PRAISE with us how he talks to his children when they ask him, "Dad, why wait?" Your whole family should sit and watch this fabulous new series together and learn from the Word together "why they should wait." Keep beautiful series like this coming into your home. Support "WHY WAIT?" Write: TBN, P.O. Box A, Santa Ana, CA 92711.





◀ A medical DOCTOR giving testimony of a miracle healing and praying for the sick? YES, and it was fantastic! Dr. Charles Schellenberger, M.D. of Waco, Texas told us how God had instantly healed him. Now he lays hands on the sick and they recover! Dr. Schellenberger was our recent guest on PRAISE, along with precious Arthur Blessitt. Dr. and Mrs. Schellenberger also go foreign countries and touch the hurting people with medical aid and Jesus' love! God's wonderful people are building His Kingdom! What have YOU done to change your world? Someone needs you to reach them! Do it today—for Jesus' sake.

This is why TBN loves John Jacobs and his POWER TEAM! Let them do their feats of strength and you've got the eyes of the whole teen world! THEN—John stands and preaches under a mighty anointing, and hundreds of young people come forward to say "YES to JESUS!"

We love you, John and RuthAnne. We love YOU—YOUNG PEOPLE. Love your Friday nites and turn out to enjoy John & the Power Team as they go around the world preaching JESUS! If any young people need a Bible or a BIBLE STUDY COURSE—FREE—Write today to: TBN, P.O. Box A, Santa Ana, CA 97211.



◀ Paul and I love to come and be with our Partners in our Local Church Revivals and Local Station PRAISE programs! We need a HUG, too! We do love you, Faithful Partners for loving us and loving TBN! We're quite a team!—You and us! We need each other! We could not go on without your precious encouraging letters and seeing you face to face, AND getting an occasional HUG and "I love you" from YOU! Thank you for loving us! Thank you for being there. Thank you for caring for a hurting world with us. I love you!

One night, as Paul and I were leaving PRAISE, we saw that the engineers had moved the Satellite Dish in our satellite area at TBN—to pick up some special programming that was coming in the next day. As we looked up—the tilt of the dish and the LIGHTS shining from the building—make this adorable scene—A little Satellite HAPPY FACE! We squealed and laughed at this HAPPY sight, got a camera and shot this picture! Study it closely—you'll see it was two floodlights reflecting on the existing parts of the dish. Is this adorable—or what? HAPPY FACE SATELLITE!

