



GIU Newsletter for Aug-Sept 2024

Thank you for your continuous support and care for GIU. We are very pleased to share with you the fruitful results of the co-workers' retreat held in Houston from September 11th to 14th, as well as the prospects for future ministries.

I. United in Mission for the Glory of God's Kingdom:

We joined hands with GIV (Galilee International Ventures) to hold this co-workers' retreat. More than 30 board of directors, colleagues and mentors from different regions and backgrounds gathered together. The theme focused on "Hand in Hand in Mission in Christ", emphasizing that although we possess different gifts, backgrounds, languages and cultures, we are still united in Christ because of our common faith, and have the same mission of glorifying God and expanding the kingdom of God.

- **Sharing Resources, United Together:** We firmly believe that all resources come from God and should be shared with each other. In Christ we do away with comparison and competition. We love each other, work together, and actively share the grace, experience and resources which are all received from God, showing the true meaning of "joining hands in Christ for mission".
- **Learning Governance and Developing the Organization:** In the process of learning board governance, we hold each other accountable, support each other, establish a close cooperative relationship, and jointly promote the development of the organization in a more efficient and sustainable direction. A luncheon with about 30 local pastors and organizational leaders vividly interpreted the theme of our meeting of "Hand in Hand in Mission in Christ" and enhanced mutual understanding and cooperation.
- **Missionary testimony sharing ignited passion:** This time, Brother B, a veteran missionary who has worked hard on the front line of missionary work for 19 years, was specially invited to share his valuable experience on the field. The testimony of his first 10 years of persistence and breakthrough deeply inspired many brothers and sisters. Although he has experienced countless setbacks and hardships in his earlier ten years, he only had a seed of the gospel. At his darkest moment, the words of God illuminated his heart. He recalled the miracles of God all over the world, especially in the Chinese church in China, and firmly believed that God had never changed and was still working as before. Therefore, he led his team deep into the countryside and brought the gospel to the locals. As a result, miracles and wonders occurred one after another, and many people believed in the Lord, and even whole villages turned to Christ one by one. In a short period of time, they established more than 50 small churches, and even witch doctors and university professors were moved by God's love. Then, he began to train these new believers and send them to start new churches. Brother B's sharing around the United States has deeply impressed audiences, and I believe that more people will join the cross-cultural missionary work as a result. Brother B's testimony shows us the power of God and ignites our passion for cross-cultural missions.

II. Thanksgiving Special Meeting to Welcome the Future Together:

In order to further promote the mission ministry, we will hold a special online Thanksgiving meeting on November 9th, and the theme will still be "Hand in Hand in Mission in Christ". We have invited many excellent speakers to discuss the future of mission ministry together. Welcome to sign up!

- **Guest lineup:** Pastor Yanguang Li of the Chinese Strategy Alliance and Pastor Jian Zhu, pastor of the Albuquerque Chinese Church and representative of the Chinese Pastoral Fellowship, etc.
- **Looking forward to the results:**

We hope that through this special retreat meeting, we can further build consensus, inspire more participants, and work together for the expansion of the Kingdom of God.

III. Invitation to join with us ;

- 1)As Volunteers: We need people to serve in finance, literature, video production and other work.
- 2)As Prayer partners: Every Monday (US time), we hold an online missionary prayer meeting. We would love to have you join us to intercede for the missionary work.

GIU co-worker team

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