



## GIU Newsletter for Oct -Nov 2024

### Dear Family, Peace to You:

November 28th marked Thanksgiving Day 2024, a special occasion celebrated across the United States with hearts full of gratitude. The GIU team also gathered to offer heartfelt thanks to God for His guidance, provision, and the manifestation of His glory through GIU.

### I. Giving Thanks for the Past Year

#### 1. Hosting an Online Thanksgiving Gathering

On November 9th, GIU successfully hosted an online Thanksgiving gathering, bringing together board members, the administrative team, and staff from various departments including member care, mobilization, and Business as Mission ministry. Together, they reflected on God's grace and thanked Him for His wondrous works.

This event drew participants from across the U.S. and eight other countries, including pastors and leaders from 42 churches and six evangelical Christian organizations. Special guest speakers, Pastor Jian Zhu and Pastor Yanguang Li, delivered inspiring messages that motivated us to reflect and commit to advancing our mission in Christ.

This year has been marked by God's abundant grace, as His works were evident among us. With gratitude, we move forward together toward our mission and calling.

#### 2. Mission Accomplishments Through GIU

God has accomplished many things through GIU in the ministry for missionaries:

- Hosted weekly online prayer meetings for missions.
- Provided approximately six diverse training courses for missionaries over the course of six months.
- Offered holistic care for missionary families, including educational subsidies for over 70 missionary children and financial support for health insurance and ministry expenses for 60 missionary families.
- Organized an in-person Business as Mission Summit and a strategic workshop for mission leaders.
- Provided emergency training and evacuation support for workers facing potential danger.
- Sent out over 10 short-term mission teams to visit, care for, and support field ministries.
- Established theological training centers in two mission fields to equip local disciples.
- Welcomed 10 new missionary families into the field.

In light of the numerous support efforts this year, God has blessed us with fruitful mission outcomes: some have committed their lives to Christ, others have been baptized, and many are now undergoing discipleship training.

#### 3. Support from the Home Front

On the home front, we also undertook significant efforts to mobilize believers and churches for missions. Our mobilization team held monthly study and discussion sessions, shared missions updates across the U.S., raised funds for mission work, and identified like-minded workers to serve alongside us. To strengthen the unity of our team, we organized a GIU staff retreat in September.

### II. Looking Ahead to 2025

In 2025, we aim to continue serving missionaries in the field by providing consistent support in the form of member care, training, and resources. These include educational expenses for their children, health insurance, language learning, and ministry-related costs.

We plan to host retreats for missionary workers next year. Due to the large number of attendees, the retreats will be held in multiple regions. We are praying for speakers, childcare teams, and sufficient funding for these retreats.

Additionally, as more local disciples emerge, there will be a growing need for equipping them with the truth. We hope to establish training centers in the fields, which will require qualified teachers for instruction.

### III. Prayer Requests

1. Pray for God to move more brothers and sisters to join GIU's ministry team, walking together in unity.
2. Pray for God's abundant provision so that GIU will have the resources to support missionaries and all ministry efforts.

GIU Co-worker Team

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