

The Till Family

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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO CHINA

July 2025 Prayer Letter

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,



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Thomas asking questions
after Thursday Bible Study

I am excited to report that my friend Thomas, who I have been requesting prayer for for a few months now, has started coming to church! Most recently, he even brought his girlfriend, Jasmine, with him. I initially met Thomas last fall through the English networking events here in town. Over the course of the last nine or ten months I have had four or five opportunities to share the gospel with him in-depth. Though I'd invited him to come study the Bible with us on Sundays twice, he never seemed interested. But praise the Lord! To my surprise a few weeks back, he approached me after English outreach to ask if he could join us for church the following Sunday! Since then, he has come multiple times and is now bringing Jasmine with him. He has been reading the Bible some on his own the last couple of weeks and comes to church with questions about what he's reading. I'm amazed as I watch the Lord work! Please pray for the salvation of Thomas and Jasmine!

Twice over the course of the last month, we have hosted two get togethers at Hope on Friday evenings. We bring some simple games and invite friends that we meet around town to come and hang out. Each of these get togethers have been fruitful. Jasmine came to one of them before attending a church service, and there have been a couple of young men who have come to these events as well. Since many Chinese people have never been to church before, inviting them to hang out at Hope informally has been a great way to let them get comfortable with the idea of studying the Bible with us. Please pray that we can connect with more people through these events and that they would lead to more opportunities to share the gospel and invite people to study the Bible with us either one-on-one or at church.

Please pray for Christopher, the young man who got saved about six months back. Since we have started to see more people attend Hope, he has begun to distance himself from services. He says he is afraid of crowds and would rather not come. He initially told me he would still be willing to meet with me one-on-one to study the Bible, but since he has backed out saying that he is tutoring elementary children over the summer part-time and doesn't have enough time to come around. Please pray that the Lord would work in his heart and that he would start coming to church again.

Our family recently took a brief family trip to the nearby city of Hangzhou, which is just an hour or so south of us by bullet train. While there, I couldn't help but be impressed by the size of the city and the great number of people. It was a stark reminder of the 100+ cities in China that are home to one million people or more each. I am constantly amazed that among so many people, there are still so many who have yet to hear of the gospel of our Lord Jesus. Please pray that the Lord would raise up more laborers to bring the gospel message to China. How shall they hear, without a preacher?

Friends, thank you all for your faithful prayers for us and the ministry here in Suzhou, China! We wouldn't be able to serve here without your continued partnership and prayer support. Christ is worthy!

Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise - Thomas and Jasmine are coming to church!
- Praise - Get togethers at Hope have been a success!
- Pray for Christopher to return to church.
- Pray for English outreaches and other opportunities to minister the gospel in Suzhou.
- Pray that the Lord would bless Hope Baptist Church.
- Pray for the salvation of Abby, Jimmy, Tim, Thomas, and Jasmine.
- Pray for missionary intern Connor's internship.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up and send forth more laborers into His harvest field.

Reaching China for Christ,
Austin Till

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